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Report of The Southern Baptist Convention

Memphis, Tennessee, May 12, 1925

By Walton E. Lee

The Southern Baptist Convention now assembling in this city was preceded by the Fundamental Convention of America, the Baptist Bible Union of the United States, the Evangelistic Conference of the South and the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. To these meetings had come large delegations and the Convention opened with a large number present. Long before the opening hour the main floor of the large city auditorium was full and the balconies were being rapidly taken.

The song service of the opening session was in charge of Mr. I. E. Reynolds of the Southwestern Seminary. "How Firm a Foundation" was sung and Dr. A. J. Holt led in prayer. "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung, as was also "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name". The first chapter of Joshua and a part of the eighth chapter of Mark were read as the scripture lessons by Dr. T. W. O'Kelly. "The Accomplishing of the Impossible" was the lesson drawn from the scriptures. No one is worthy of a place in God's great army unless he is willing to undertake the impossible, declared Dr. O'Kelly.

Promptly at ten o'clock President McDaniel called the Convention to order and the secretaries reported an enrollment of 4,001 messengers up to the meeting hour. A permanent organization was effected by electing Dr. Geo. W. McDaniel, president; Drs. L. J. Bristow, A. U. Boone, B. G. Lowrey, and J. L. White, vice-presidents; Dr. Geo. W. Dorton, treasurer; Dr. W. P. Harvey, auditor; Drs. Hight C. Moore and J. H. Burnett, secretaries.

The Committee on Order of Business appointed at the last session of the Convention made their report through Dr. L. O. Dawson. After some amendments the report was adopted.

Dr. A. U. Boone introduced Hon. Rowlett Payne, the Mayor of Memphis, who delivered the address of welcome, which was warm and cordial. The key to the city, draped in the national colors, was presented to the president, who received it on behalf of the Convention with the felicitous remark that the Baptists are familiar with the use of keys since to one of the first Baptists were given the keys of the kingdom of God.

The address of welcome was responded to by Rev. W. C. Boone. The report of the Executive Committee was presented by E. E. Burkhalter. The report was lengthy and recommended a number of radical changes. It was therefore recommended with instruction to the committee to have the report printed in the Convention bulletin that the messengers might have an opportunity to study the report before its adoption.

The Convention sermon was preached by Dr. L. G. Broughton on the theme, "The New Way", from Joshua 3:4-5, as the text. After reciting the experiences of the Israelites under the leadership of Joshua that gave rise to the text, Dr. Broughton declared that Israel had indeed come to a "new way", and that Southern Baptists have

now come to a new way. The new way is (1) politically, (2) scientifically, (3) in the realm of religion, (4) in the almost complete breakdown of our denominational machinery. The speaker, after thus discussing the new way to which Southern Baptists have come, turned and asked the pertinent question: "What are we going to do about it?" If the way is adverse and opposed what are we going to do to remedy it? First we are not going to remedy it by surrender. Second, not by allowing ourselves to get overmuch entangled with the matter of building hierarchies of scriptural interpretations. Third, not by ignoring our obligations regarding the affairs of the world. Fourth, but we are going to remedy it by a return, as far as possible to Apostolic evangelism.

Dr. Broughton in closing his great sermon made an impassioned plea that evangelistic fires be kindled anew among us.

Afternoon Session

The Convention joined heartily in singing a number of the old hymns, being led by Prof. I. E. Reynolds. Dr. M. F. Saunders of Virginia read the Twenty-third Psalm and offered prayer.

Fraternal messengers were recognized. Dr. Ford Taylor brought greetings from the Northern Convention. Brother J. E. Davis, a missionary to Mexico, brought greetings from the Convention of that country.

Dr. E. C. Dargin was appointed by the last Convention to bear fraternal greetings of Southern Baptists to the British Baptist Union. Dr. Dargin gave an interesting report of his visit to the British Isles.

The report of the Conservation Commission was made by Dr. L. R. Scarborough. This report had to do with the closing up of the 75 Million Campaign. It showed that great things were accomplished by this campaign and recommended that they be faithfully conserved. The total expense of the whole period was less than four per cent.

The first annual report of the Commission on Future Program was made by Drs. C. E. Burt and M. E. Dodd. Dr. Burt read that part of the report relative to the 1925 program and Dr. Dodd the part on the 1926 program.

The report shows that since the last meeting of the Convention \$7,405,713.84 have been contributed to the denominational work. Of this amount Mississippi contributed \$333,964.50. There are some 500,000 regular contributors among southern Baptists. Fewer than 28 per cent of the churches have any well defined system of finance. The other 72 per cent give either with great irregularity or not at all. More than 6,000 churches are wholly unenlisted. Only 371-2 per cent of the membership of our churches have taken any part in the support of the denominational enterprise.

There were 900,000 additions by baptism dur-

ing the past year, bringing the number of southern Baptists to 3,574,531. The per capita contributions of these is only \$2.62, which is the smallest of any other denomination, notwithstanding they outnumber all others. This shows the great need of enlistment.

The financial goal for Southwide purposes in 1926 is fixed at the minimum of \$5,000,000.00, allocated as follows: Foreign Missions, fifty per cent; Home Missions, twenty-two and a half per cent; Christian Education, fifteen per cent; Ministerial Relief, nine and a half per cent; New Orleans Hospital, three per cent.

The program of Southern Baptists will be known in the future as "The Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists."

Evening Session of the First Day

After a song service in which were special numbers by the Baptist Bible Institute Quartette, Mr. and Mrs. Wolslagel, and the negro Smiley, the Convention was led in prayer by Bro. E. D. Solomon.

Some miscellaneous business of a minor nature was enacted, following which the report of the Hospital Commission was presented by Dr. L. J. Bristow. A pleasing feature of the consideration of the report was the presenting to the Convention of one hundred and fifty young women who are in training at the Baptist Memorial Hospital of this city. Mr. Jas. H. Tharp, who is chairman of the building committee of the hospital now being erected in New Orleans, addressed the Convention on the progress of the work there. Dr. B. A. Wilkes, of the Missouri Sanitorium, also spoke to the report. The discussion of the report was concluded by an address by our own A. E. Jennings.

The report of the Education Board was read by Dr. J. W. Cammack and the report of the committee on review of the Education Boards report was read by Dr. J. T. McGlothlin. After a splendid discussion of the report by Dr. R. J. Bateman, former pastor at Meridian, it was adopted.

Second Day—Morning Session

Following a song service led by I. E. Reynolds, a devotional service was conducted by Dr. John Carney. After the reading of the journal of the previous day the regular business of the Convention was resumed.

Dr. Austin Couch introduced a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee composed of one member from each state, to investigate the business of the Convention, looking to the making of some changes more acceptable to our people and that will make the work more effective. The committee to make report one year hence. The resolution was unanimously passed.

The regular order of business was a consid-

eration of the American Baptist Theological Seminary located in Nashville. Dr. O. L. Hailey read the report. This is the seminary for the education of negro preachers in which Southern Baptists are interested and the report showed remarkable progress. Dr. Sutton B. Griggs of Memphis has recently become President of the Seminary and addressed the Convention in a very acceptable way. The address was preceded by a solo sung by the negro, Smiley, who more than once sang to the delight of the Convention.

The consideration of the report on the Baptist Bible Institute was preceded by a solo, "He Died of a Broken Heart," effectively sung by W. A. Huey, who is graduating from the Institute this year. The report was read by President B. H. DeMent, it being the seventh annual report. A total of twenty-one buildings are now owned by the institution. During the past session two hundred forty-three regular students have been enrolled and twenty-three special ones. Fifty-eight diplomas and certificates will be awarded at the approaching commencement, the report shows.

The report of the Southwestern Seminary was made by President L. R. Scarborough. There has been an enrollment of six hundred during the present session and one hundred will graduate at the approaching commencement. Of the six hundred enrolled two hundred sixty-seven are women in the Training School.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins as he appeared to direct the consideration of the work of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was greeted with applause as an expression of appreciation of his return to health from a recent serious operation. Dr. F. M. Powell was introduced and read the report. This seminary is in the midst of a building program and the minimum amount necessary to a completion of the buildings now in process of erection is \$2,000,000. Private subscriptions are now being solicited for this cause, which effort is meeting with encouraging success. During the past year four hundred fifteen ministerial students have been enrolled and with the exception of one or two years, the year just closed has been the most successful in the history of the seminary. The report was discussed by Drs. R. J. Erkey and J. R. Sampey and then adopted.

Afternoon Session

After the usual devotional service, under the head of miscellaneous business the committee on resolutions made a partial report recommending the passage of several resolutions among which was one prohibiting applause in the Convention. It was voted and applause is legal.

The report that elicited the greatest interest and concern of the Convention was that of the committee on Baptist Faith and Message. This committee was appointed a year ago and their report was presented in a statement of Baptist Faith and Message. The committee was composed of Drs. E. Y. Mullins, S. M. Brown, W. J. McGlothlin, E. C. Dargan, L. R. Scarborough, Z. T. Cody, and C. P. Stealey. The statement in full will be printed in a later issue of the Baptist Record. Quite a controversy arose over Article 3 of the statement, which is on the "Creation and Fall of Man." The statement reads: "Man was created by special act of God, as recorded in Genesis." Dr. C. P. Stealey brought in a minority report contending that in view of the encroachment of evolution the statement should be stronger, as follows: "We believe that man came into this world by direct creation of God and not by evolution. This creative act was separate and distinct from any other work of God and was not conditioned upon antecedent changes in previously created forms of life." The committee gave a strong pronouncement against evolution in a subsequent statement on Science and Religion. The contention seemed to be on where in the Faith and Message, the declaration against evolution should be made. After a strong address by Drs. Stealey on the one side and Dr. Mullins on the other, the Convention by a large majority vote accepted the report of the

majority of the committee. The taking of the vote was difficult and ran the adjournment of this session long past the appointed hour.

Evening Session

After the usual song and devotional service the regular order after miscellaneous business was a consideration of the work of the Home Board. The last hour of the afternoon session was due to have been given to a consideration of the report of the Home Board, but it was consumed by the matter of the Faith and Message. Dr. Gray gracefully accepted the time remaining and read extracts of the report which had been previously printed and distributed. A review of the report was read by Dr. T. C. Skinner. The report stated that large retrenchment had been necessary owing to a lack of funds, but that achievements have kept up in a remarkable way due in a large measure to the foundations laid in the days of enlargement. Stereopticon views of the work in the Mountain Schools was given in another part of the great auditorium, which proved entertaining and instructive to some 3,000 who were privileged to see the views.

Third Day—Morning Session

The devotional service of this session was conducted by Dr. W. S. Wiley.

The reading of the journal was dispensed with since it is printed in the Convention bulletin.

Several resolutions were introduced, under miscellaneous business, which automatically went to the Committee on Resolutions. The regular order was the report of the Inter-Board Commission. This Commission is located in Memphis and under the direction of Mr. Frank H. Leavell, who read the report. The work of this Commission is to provide religious privileges and training for Baptist students in schools other than religious; of these students there are more than 90,000 in the various higher institutions of the South. In our own state the Commission is leading in work at the state institutions, our State Board having Miss Johnson working among the young women at the M. S. C. W.

The next order was the report on Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work, the discussion being under the direction of Secretary I. J. Van Ness. The report showed that during the past year 969 new schools have been organized with an enrollment of 155,236 new pupils. There has been a similar growth in B. Y. P. U. work. During the year now closing there has been a gain of 1,646 unions with 51,044 new members, bringing the present record to 17,665 unions with a total membership of 546,193.

The receipts of the Board for the past year amounted to \$1,474,931.28, representing a gain over last year of \$53,028.22. The receipts came from the circulation of the periodicals of the Board, of which the total circulation for the year amounted to 29,504,775 copies.

The report was discussed by Dr. Homer L. Grice, who spoke on the Daily Vacation Bible School, he being the superintendent of this department, and Dr. P. E. Burroughs, who spoke on Church Architecture and Sunday School Equipment. Dr. L. R. Scarborough spoke some words of appreciation of the great aid the Sunday School Board is giving to other departments of our work in a financial way. Hon. W. D. Upshaw, emphasizing the work of the Daily Vacation Bible School, made an impassioned plea to the parents to hold up a high ideal for their children.

The Rural Problem was the next order of the Convention. The discussion was directed by Dr. E. P. Aldredge, who is the statistician of the Convention in the employ of the Sunday School Board. In the discussion of the rural work, Brother G. C. Hedgepeth of South Carolina pleaded with the strong men of the Convention to dedicate their lives to the development of the country and country churches; Brother I. M. Burnett, Texas, spoke on the organized class in the country church, and Brother T. W. Gayer of Louisiana paid a tribute to the great host of country people and the country preacher by

speaking of their familiarity with and loyalty to the gospel.

A very enjoyable occasion to the Mississippi College men attending the Convention and those living in the city of Memphis was a banquet at the Chamber of Commerce. Two hours of speech making and good fellowship was greatly enjoyed by the one hundred and more who attended.

Afternoon Session

The devotional service was conducted by Brother S. F. Baucum, Texas, who read the 53rd chapter of Isaiah.

By the adoption of the Message of Faith on yesterday the impression went out that the Convention had declared endorsement of evolution. A resolution was introduced by Brother M. A. Phillips, the purpose of which was to put the Convention on record as in no sense endorsing the Modernistic idea of Evolution. The rules of the Convention were suspended and the resolution was adopted. The full resolution is as follows: "Whereas, the action of the Convention yesterday, upon the statement of the Baptist Faith and Message is being interpreted by some as an endorsement of Evolution; therefore, be it resolved: First, That such an interpretation is a mis-interpretation. Second, That no paragraph, sentence or word in our statement of Faith and Message can truly be cited as an endorsement of Evolution."

The work of the laymen was presented in a report by Dr. J. T. Henderson, the secretary of the Laymen's Movement. The report showed that marked progress had been made during the past year in the matter of enlisting the Baptist men of the South in the study of missions and the practice of Christian Stewardship. More than one thousand certificates have been awarded for the completion of study courses. Among the strong laymen who spoke to the report was Mr. J. H. Anderson of Knoxville, and Mr. Ben Johnson of Louisiana.

The next order of the afternoon was given to a consideration of some changes in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Convention, for which there was an apparent need, due to the exigencies which have arisen in the past few years.

An item of business that elicited interest next to that of the adoption of the Baptist Faith and Message was a section of the report of the Executive Committee recommending co-operation in certain measures with the Y. M. C. A. There was a prolonged and heated discussion, which finally resulted in striking the recommendation from the report.

Evening Session

This session was preceded by a thirty minute special song service in which many of the best singers of the Convention took part much to the delight of the great assembly. After a brief devotional service the entire remainder of the session was given to a consideration of Foreign Missions. Dr. J. F. Love, the Secretary, read extracts from the extended report, from which the following items of interest are culled: The Foreign Mission Board has had to operate under a greatly reduced budget during the past year, yet has made marked progress in many fields. A total of 12,134 baptisms were administered during the year on the foreign fields. There are now 1,101 churches, 291 of which are self-supporting and 722 have their own houses of worship.

The Sunday School work of the foreign fields is represented by 1,573 schools with an enrollment of 84,511 pupils. There are 461 Women's Missionary Societies and 510 young people's societies. The contributions in the native churches for the year totaled \$391,841.

The number of American missionaries on the field has grown to six hundred eighteen, while the number of native workers is two hundred forty-four. There are eight hundred forty-six mission schools operated by missionaries, in which 32,124 pupils are enrolled.

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Fourth Day—Morning Session

Dr. E. A. Fuller of South Carolina conducted the devotional service. The Committee on Evangelism, appointed at a previous session, made report through Dr. L. G. Broughton. In the unanimous adoption of the report the Convention instructed the Home Mission Board to re-establish the Department of Evangelism which was suspended some time back.

The Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher, of the next Convention, recommended that the next meeting be held at Houston, Texas, at the same time in 1926, and that the Convention sermon be preached by Rev. F. F. Brown, Texas, with Rev. Geo. W. Clarke, Louisiana, as alternate.

The Committee on the National Baptist Memorial Church made report through Dr. T. C. Skinner. This committee is charged with the building of a large church in the city of Washington, in co-operation with the other Baptist bodies of America, which shall be dedicated to religious liberty. The committee is now ready to let the contract for the interior finishing; and Southern Baptists are urged to do their part, that the work may go forward.

An interesting and commendable report on Woman's Work was presented by Dr. Marshall Craig of Virginia, who also read the report of the Committee on Review of the report on Woman's Work.

Dr. A. U. Boone, who presided at this session of the Convention introduced the retiring president of the W. M. U., Mrs. W. C. James, and Mrs. W. J. Cox, of Memphis, whom the women have just elected as Mrs. James' successor. Each made a brief address.

The rapid progress the women have made in their work is shown in their report by a comparison. When the Convention met in Memphis thirty-six years ago the women held their first annual Convention. At that Convention there were only 1,560 societies, now there are 10,646. There were 12,191 young people's organizations, and now there are 22,837, of which 3,510 were organized this year. The number known to be enrolled in all the societies is 269,906. The amount contributed to all causes by the women is the mammoth sum of \$2,972,065.25, the report showed. In the adoption of the report, by motion of some brother on the floor, the Convention expressed their appreciation of the loyal and faithful work of the women by a unanimous rising vote.

The next order was the report of the Denominational Press. It was presented by Dr. F. M. Brown of Missouri. The report, in the very nature of the case, was not statistical, but was a setting forth of the part, and large part, the denominational paper plays in the denominational life, its importance and necessity, and an urgent plea for its support and circulation. A large number were present, it being a more favorable hour than is usually assigned this important subject. It was encouragingly evident that the denominational paper is coming to be more deeply appreciated. In addition to Dr. Brown, Dr. W. A. Frost of the Western Recorder discussed the report. Dr. T. C. McCaul of Florida presented the report of the Relief and Annuity Board. This Board provides relief for the aged preachers and widows and an annuity fund, which is available to the younger preachers. There are now 1,086 beneficiaries being aided by the Board. One hundred fifty-nine new cases have been added during the year, while there have been one hundred twenty-four deaths. Benefits to the sum of \$126,961.35 were rendered last year.

In the annuity department of the Board's work great progress is being made. Dr. Lunsford is hoping to receive \$400,000.00 from Southern

Baptists during 1925 in order to receive \$100,000.00 from Mr. Rockefeller, who proposes to give this sum thus conditioned. The Board is now paying \$500.00 per year to the annuity members when they reach the age of 68, or become totally disabled before that age.

Afternoon Session

A devotional service was conducted by Dr. W. M. Seay. There seemed to be considerable dissatisfaction relative to the statement of Faith adopted on the second day of the Convention. At each succeeding session an effort was made to change the declaration relative to evolution. At this session a resolution was introduced by Dr. W. C. Duke, Florida, to strike from the statement of Faith the section relative to evolution, which would have meant no declaration at all on this encroaching heresy. The resolution was tabled by a large majority. The Convention was apparently overwhelmingly opposed to the modern idea of evolution.

The regular order was a consideration of the report of the committee on Social Service. This is the declaration of the Convention on the different forms of evil so prevalent in these latter days, such as the violations of the prohibition law, mob violence, race-track gambling, divorce evil, obscene literature, and so forth. The report was a strong pronouncement against these, presented by Dr. A. J. Barton.

The remainder of the session was consumed with reports on Correlation of Convention Activities; Preservation of Baptist History and Modification of Chinese Exclusion Laws, and a Memorial Service.

Night Session

After the usual song and prayer service, consideration of some miscellaneous business and the report of the Committee on Co-operative Programs, the work of Foreign Missions was again taken up, after which the Convention finally adjourned.

The visiting preachers filled the various pulpits of the city in the morning of the Lord's Day as is customary. In the afternoon a great mass meeting was held in the auditorium at which Dr. Geo. W. Truett spoke.

The evening of the Lord's Day was given to hearing addresses by the Missionaries of the Home and Foreign Boards.

The Entertainment Committee announced that 10,500 had been assigned homes during the Convention. Everyone acclaimed Memphis a royal host city. The only word of complaint was the difficulty in hearing in the large auditorium.

A LETTER FROM BROTHER CRUMPTON

By W. B. Crumpton, Montgomery, Ala.

Surely no better historic reading can be found for loyal Southern Baptists than that found in literature sent out by Dr. Mullins with reference to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Every Baptist heart should swell with pride.

We read of the outgrown present buildings and the need for larger and better accommodations.

That item of advancement is in keeping with the news that comes from every quarter of the outgrown Sunday School buildings that call for enlargement. From every quarter, at home and abroad the cry is the same. Instead of complaint at the cry for more money, we ought to be sending up thanksgiving to God for thrusting upon us an army of strong young men and women, clamoring for equipment for His service. Down with the pessimistic complainer!

Let's be optimists and draw the belt a little tighter for the final charge. The givers are not suffering. Not one of us will lose a meal by our sacrificial giving, but God's Cause is suffering at a vital point. Our God will be greatly honored, and so will be His people, if we hear the cry.

The cry was once so pitiful for more men.

How gloriously has God answered that cry. "Here am I, send me", the brave young people are saying. To send untrained men to meet the well trained cohorts of the enemy would be cruel. It should not be. Let's say: By God's help, it shall not be!

I was shut up in Vicksburg, Miss., during the siege. Not many of us prayed, unless an earnest desire can be counted as prayer. We were short on everything an army needed. Every day we heard wild rumors by Grapevine, which was noted for its unreliability. The news came more than once that Jo Johnson was gathering an army about Jackson to come to our relief. Every few minutes we were sure we heard the rattle of musketry and an occasional boom of cannon in the rear of the enemy, but alas! it was only a rumor! Suppose it had proved true; would our boys say: "That means more fighting for us—we'll just keep to our trenches, eating mule beef and pea bread. The enemy might play a trick and capture our old guns and our mule beef and pea bread." No sir, not a man would have thought of a speech life that. Every man would have leaped out of the trenches and made a mad rush at the lines to break through and meet the rescuing forces. This illustration is easy of application. How we have been pleading for a fresh supply of God-called men for the ministry. The enemy has attacked from every angle. They are undermining the foundations of the faith. We are getting word from the boys they are coming, but poorly equipped. They have brave hearts, of that we are assured. Shall we meet them and furnish the needed equipment? Shame on us if we do not!

BAPTIST RECORD APPRECIATED

On April 23, of this year my grandmother, Mrs. Marguerite S. White, celebrated her ninety-first birthday in the home of her youngest daughter, Mrs. J. W. W. Lyle, Lena, Miss.

Grandmother is fond of the Record, she always has a good word for the paper, and wants everyone to read it. She says the Record has been in her home ever since it has been published. My mother says grandfather, G. M. L. F. White, was taking the Record as far back as she can remember, and she is now fifty-four years old.

Grandmother has had the papers sent to others besides being a regular subscriber. And though her eyes are dim so she can not read long at a time, she does not give the paper up. She has met and acquainted herself with many great Baptists through this paper, and is already talking of renewing her subscription for another year.—A Granddaughter.

Rev. J. A. Duren, who is the instructor in the Department of Church Business Administration in the Baptist Bible Institute will be available for supply preaching on the second and fourth Sundays in each month during the summer, and also for revival meetings at any time. His address is 1306 Sixth Street, New Orleans. Those who may desire his services in meetings should communicate with him as early as possible.

The Seminary at Nashville for the training of Negro preachers is operated jointly by the Negro Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. The building was provided by Southern Baptists; the ground was given largely by people of Nashville; the operating expenses are to be met chiefly by the Negroes (National Baptist Convention). The first unit of the building is 108 by 37½ feet, three and a half stories high, including basement. These cost \$78,447.15. The building is paid for and partly furnished. Dr. O. L. Hailey, who has been connected with the enterprise since its inception, will be one of the teachers.

The per capita gifts of Southern Baptists to local work are said to be \$7.66 and to all missions and benevolences \$2.76.

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Obituary notices, whether direct or in the form of resolutions of 100 words, and marriage notices of 25 words, inserted free. All over these amounts will cost one cent a word, which must accompany the notice.

There are said to be four times as many Baptists in Birmingham as there were twenty years ago.

Rev. J. A. Sanders of Inverness has accepted the call to Iuka and has begun his work with the church there.

Dr. J. V. May of Port Gibson has a notice in the Record to which we call attention of any doctor who is thinking of changing his location.

Forty-one were added to the church at Aberdeen in the meeting in which Pastor J. M. Walker and his people were assisted by Brother J. W. Mayfield of McComb.

Dr. B. H. Lovelace of Clinton assisted Pastor R. L. Wallace in a meeting at Morton. Seventeen were added to the church, eleven by baptism and much other good done.

The first report of the Secretary of the Convention showed 4,001 registered messengers at the opening of the Convention. More later. The total possible registration is 10,872.

Evangelist Raleigh Wright and Singer C. O. Miller helped Pastor Altman in a meeting at Albany, Ga., in which ninety were added to the church and the people greatly revived.

The Baccalaureate Sermon for the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, was preached this year by Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., on Friday, May 8.

A letter from Dr. B. D. Gray gives revised figures of receipts for Home Missions for the year just closed totaling \$684,619.12, of which \$25,044.96 were for the Church Building Loan Fund.

There are nearly twice as many churches in the Southern Baptist Convention now as when it met in Memphis in 1889; three times as many members and two and a half times as many baptisms reported.

New Zion Church, Covich County, will have all day services next Sunday, the tenth, Decoration Day, in which the graves of their departed loved ones will be decorated with flowers. Friends are requested to come prepared.

Pastor J. W. Dickens after eight years of efficient service has resigned as pastor at Lafayette, La. He was formerly pastor at Crystal Springs in Mississippi and we should be glad to see him back in the state.

The editor of the Manufacturers' Record is high authority in industry and an earnest advocate of morals and religion. He proposes that every bootlegger be fined the full amount of his profits and is sure he will go out of business.

Dr. D. M. Nelson has a letter which he is sending out to all young people who ought to go to

college this fall. If you know of such boys and girls you will help them by sending him their names. His P. O. box is 731, Jackson, Miss.

The recent meeting at First Baptist Church at Belzoni in which the pastor was assisted by Evangelist L. C. Wolfe of Oklahoma, and Mr. A. H. Doty of Jackson, resulted in thirty-five additions, twenty-one of whom were by baptism.

Miss Margie Morris of Shubuta is available for help as musician and personal worker in revival meetings during the summer. She has taught in the Woman's College, Hattiesburg, and the M. S. C. W. in Columbus, and has had training at Winona Lake.

People all over the state will be interested in knowing that the state employees at the Old Capitol Building in Jackson have a prayer meeting every Monday morning at 11:45 o'clock. We were pleased to see a good crowd of them last Monday attending and taking part in the worship.

Dr. R. S. Gavin has gotten out a bulletin for those interested in evangelistic work. He publishes the names of a great many preachers and singers who are available for protracted meetings. This ought to be useful for those planning for revivals. Write him at Quitman.

Pastor N. J. Lee had Rev. Wayne Alliston to preach for him in a meeting at Sumrall. The singing was led by Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Rockwell. There were thirty-four additions to the church, seventeen by baptism. On the following Sunday when the pastor preached three more were received for baptism.

Organization of the Convention was speedily accomplished as there were no contests. The officers are: President, G. W. McDaniel; Secretaries, H. C. Moore and J. H. Burnett; Vice-Presidents, L. J. Bristow, B. G. Lowrey, A. U. Boone, and J. L. White; Treasurer, G. W. Norton; Auditor, W. P. Harvey.

Clarke College has forty-two young men and young women to be graduated this year. What a stream of wholesome life our colleges are pouring into the world. They are homemakers, civic leaders and kingdom builders. At Clarke this year Rev. S. G. Posey preaches the sermon and Congressman Whittington makes the address.

Professor J. A. Travis of Eupora has been elected Business Manager of Blue Mountain College. He is an alumnus of Mississippi College who has had good success in school management for several years and is well fitted for this new position. We found him deeply intrenched in the confidence and affections of the people at Eupora during a visit there some months ago.

An exchange quotes the Religious Herald as saying that only Virginia and Georgia kept faith in the 75 Million Campaign by preserving the ratio of distribution. We have despaired of keeping the Herald straight on that subject. To publish such a statement is to do a great harm by destroying faith in one another. Mississippi did exactly as it agreed to do and we suppose there are several others that did.

Pastor R. D. Maum says he and his people at Hulbert, Ark., are singing in their hearts, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." About fourteen months ago a church was organized. But up to four weeks ago they had only sixteen members. Then L. T. Grantham and H. C. Rushing with a tent came preaching and singing and praying. People were converted and the crowds came. Methodists and Presbyterians helped. In ten days fifty-four were added to the church, thirty-nine of them by baptism. Others joined other churches. And all are going on their way rejoicing.

A certain brother, who has made himself famous by much tooting of his own horn, promised the world a great rookus at the Memphis Convention, as he was "sure to be there, sure to have his seat challenged, sure to make a great speech, and sure to have a great ovation." But his name was not once mentioned in the Convention. Some of us have to go abroad to find out how big we are not.

Rev. Herbert Haywood has joined the Reese Evangelistic Staff and is open for engagements in Mississippi and elsewhere. He is well known in our state, where he graduated at Mississippi College and was a successful pastor. He is also an alumnus of the Louisville Seminary. He and his wife are soul lovers and soul winners and we hope our people will keep them busy. He may be addressed care of Central Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

The Rev. Nat H. Parker, son of W. T. Parker, a prominent farmer at Perkinston, Miss., a graduate of Mississippi College and pastor of the Baptist Church at Worthville, Ky., recently received the Summa cum Laude predicate, a grade above 98, on his examination for the Doctor of Theology degree at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The Rev. Mr. Parker will not receive his degree this spring as he will wait until next year to submit his thesis, which is required as a part of the work for the degree.

St. Charles Avenue Church in New Orleans, recently dedicated the ground on which they are building a great church plant. Pastor W. W. Hamilton prepared a suitable program for the service held on the beautiful lot, May 2. It included the doxology, invocation by Dr. DeMent, two hymns (Jesus Shall Reign, and Faith of Our Fathers), responsive reading of suitable scripture by pastor and people, address by Deacon Terry, address by Dr. L. R. Scarborough, and benediction. Other pastors in New Orleans took part in the service.

It has become necessary for Brother J. H. Rowe, who has been for several years a missionary in Japan to return to America for a long rest. He suffered with pneumonia and typhoid fever, and now has an acute bronchial trouble, but no evidence of tuberculosis. For a while he and his wife, who has also been a faithful representative of Southern Baptists in Japan, will make their home in Southern California. It is good to know that in this time of their disappointment friends have given \$6,000 for the school which Mrs. Rowe has been conducting in Japan. Of this \$1,000 was given by a member of the Grove Avenue Church, Richmond, Va., and \$5,000 by Miss Emma Whitfield of Baltimore, whose father went from Mississippi to Richmond many years ago.

Education from a merely business standpoint is of more value to a boy than any other investment that can be made for him. This is clearly shown by a study of "Who's Who in America?" This book gives account of the outstanding successful men in this country. It gives educational information about 22,075 of the "notables" listed in its edition for 1922-23. Of this number 17,077, or over 77 per cent, have had college training; 3,118, or 14 per cent, have had secondary or high school training, and 1,880, or less than 9 per cent, have had less than high school training. When these figures are compared with those in the 1899-1900 edition, it appears that it is increasingly difficult to achieve notable success in life without a complete education. In 1900, eleven out of every 100 people listed in "Who's Who" had had less than a high school training. In 1923, eight out of every 100 had less than a high school training.—Exchange.

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The BLUE BLOODED DEACON'S SCRAPHEAP

REV. HUMDINGHER VISITS THE CONVENTION

Personally by Rev. A. Portleigh Humdinger

Dear Editor:

You ought to been to the convention. We had a diplomatic time. They had not made reservations for me at the headquarters hotel, and I suppose the reason was they did not know I was coming. I stayed on my own private hook.

My! If I only had a memory like some of them fellers. They knowed half the folks they met as about all I could hear out in the corduroys was "Hello, Doctor." Even Rev. McDaniel called every feller that popped up by his name and added, "I recognize Bro. Pelate from somewhre." Some of them looked pretty simple to me but I couldn't place any of them.

Well, it is needles for me to say that I still enjoy the Record. Deacon Noxumkol sent it to me confidentially as his pasture. I have been taking it a month to date. As mentioned in a circular way last time I wrote you, we—that is, I and the deacons—are going to incorporate a budget and put the Record into it. As Webster Clay said, "The greatest paper to the greatest No." That's my consensus of opinion in a nutshell.

I never make no references to include myself, for I am a plum attic about Baptist freedom, but I believe a sort of news article in the Record about the convention would be enjoyed by Baptists who didn't get to go to the convention. I have some in totoe and vice versus if you can't get what you want elsewhere.

At our next church conference we expect to erect a budget and put the Record in it. Look out for some subscription, which I guess you always are looking out for same already. As I said to my wife the other night, "What's a Editor good for if they ain't reading his paper."

Yours fortornally

REV. A. PORTLEIGH HUMDINGER.

HOSPITAL COMMENCEMENT

What could be a more beautiful sight than a group of nurses in their graduating regalia marching in the church for the finishing touch on their course of study and work and in the house of God dedicating themselves to the ministry of mercy to the sick and suffering. A great company of friends had gathered at the First Church, Jackson, May 11th, to give their blessing to the large group of young ladies graduating from the Mississippi Baptist Hospital. Their names have been publishd in a previous issue of the Record.

Dr. Posey, a member of the board of trustees, was master of ceremonies and happily guided the program through. The orchestra of the First Church furnished appropriate music, a solo by Mr. A. H. Doty, included. Dr. Shands, one of the staff, spoke of the history of the Hospital and its plans for enlargement. One of the most beautiful tributes, and thoroughly appropriate and deserved, was a resolution of appreciation for the work of Miss Sallie Stamps, which was adopted by the class and telegraphed to her at Denver. She was the first superintendent of nurses who devoted herself without stint or sparing to the welfare of her patients until she resigned to enter the army service during the war. Overseas she waded through mud and worked night and day in the interest of the soldier boys in the hospitals. Returning with health impaired she was herself in a hospital as a patient for several years, and is now head of a hospital in Denver.

Governor Whitfield in a practical address pointed out that these nurses are in the apostolic succession and carrying out the precept and teaching of the Master who went about doing good. Mr. E. D. Kenna, a business man of Jackson and well known for his eloquence, had a theme eloquent in itself when speaking of the work of these young women and the idea for which the Baptist Hospital stands. Dr.

J. P. Wall, a surgeon on the Hospital Staff and a member of the Board of Trustees, delivered the diplomas, accompanying this with most appropriate remarks. Mrs. J. H. Hartfield, who has devoted her time unselfishly to the interest of the hospital, who has been most helpful in service and endeared herself to patients, nurses, and officials alike, presented the class pins to the members of the graduating class, and personally presented each with a neatly bound copy of the New Testament. The closing prayer was by Pastor W. A. Hewitt.

But there was one who did not appear on the platform or on the program who has had more to do with the recent successful operation than any other one prson; this is the present efficient superintendent, Mrs. Golightly. She has seen an increasing number of patients come into the hospital and an increasing volume of appreciation from those who go out. She is so modest that she is not often seen in the public programs, but so efficient that the benefit of her work is seen in everything connected with the hospital.

LOOKING BACKWARD

The recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, like every other big thing, is more easily appraised as you get away from it. We can not always properly evaluate anything when we are in the midst of it. There must be some time or distance elapsing to help us to get a proper perspective, to see anything in its relation to all other things.

Looking backward, the first thing that strikes one is the great bulk of the Convention. It was the largest gathering we have ever had with the single exception of the meeting in Washington City in 1919. There were evidently more people from Mississippi at this Convention than at any other, many more. A good many more people applied for cards as messengers than Mississippi

was entitled to. They poured into Memphis by railroads and automobiles until you saw Mississippians on every block and in every part of the Auditorium. This is good, not only as indicating the interest of our people in the work of the Convention, but in insuring a greater interest in it hereafter. We believe in the Southern Baptist Convention.

This bigness has its disadvantages as well as its advantages. One disadvantage was the inability of most speakers to make themselves heard in a hall big enough to hold the crowd. Comparatively few men could be heard to the limit of this great Auditorium. This is not the fault of the building, but due to natural human limitations. It was a great pity that an amplifier was not installed over the speaker's stand. Thousands of people paid their money to go to Memphis, paid their expenses after they got there and then didn't hear half that was said. It was a great waste of money and time. The Executive Committee explained that the local committee said an amplifier could not be installed without danger to the speaker. But surely we have not come to a place and time where engineers and mechanics can not devise ways of amplifying the voice in an auditorium like that. We have heard that one was used in the same room when Billy Sunday preached in it. The Executive Committee was instructed to see that an amplifier was ready for the next Convention.

To a new comer there was enough of enthusiasm and electricity in the Convention to keep up the interest. But to an old timer there was a good deal of sameness in reports and speeches. This together with the difficulty in hearing made many people feel like they had enough before the Convention was over and the people went home in flocks before Sunday. We should judge that not half of the people were at the Convention on Saturday night. But the local people were admitted to the auditorium and a good crowd was present. As to what was actually done most people will have to read the minutes or more likely the newspapers to find out. In this way those at home will be put more nearly on a par with those who went.

One characteristic of the Convention was that its actions were so often misinterpreted, misunderstood, or at least understood in different ways. This was partly the fault of the Convention and partly the fault of the reporters and the people generally. We do not mean to say that any reporter purposely misinterpreted the Convention. We are sure that they did not, but it was a complicated situation and people with previously fixed ideas do not easily see things clearly.

In the Convention there were many men of many minds. Ordinarily we speak of two parties in a controversy. And we are accustomed to think of evolutionists and anti-evolutionists. But there were all degrees of opinions represented here, though not all equally outspoken. We had as well make up our minds that there are among Southern Baptists evolutionists of the theistic type, and there are people all the way from these to those to whom the word evolution is the abomination of desolation. All in between there are people who know nothing about it and care nothing about it, who see no danger in it and attach no importance to it. In the opinion of this writer they are blind, but they are here.

Now when you go to formulate a statement of faith they are going to be reckoned with. They don't care anything about your statement of faith. Indeed they don't want to be bothered with one. And if you are going to write one in which they are included they want to look over your shoulder and see what you are doing. And they don't want you to make it too strong or too explicit and clear. Just give it plenty of latitude, and as little longitude as you can. If they have to sign, make it as indefinite as you can. So there you are. And they are in the Convention; they are a part of it. They can bring out pleasing argument and illustration, which if you don't examine

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ONE COUNTRY AS AN INSTANCE OF THE BLESSED MINISTRY OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST RELIEF

By J. F. Iove, Cor. Sec'y.

(The following letter written to Dr. Rushbrooke gives some pathetic facts which will help some who have contributed to the Relief work of this Board, to understand a little of the blessedness of their ministry. The letter is from our honored Brother Atilla Csöpak of Hungary. Accompanying what he says about relief there is this note about mission work:

"As regards the work of our Mission I am pleased to let you know that interest in the Gospel has increased to such an extent this winter as never before. Our Chapels are crowded, and in some districts even from Roman Catholic villages people trudge long distances to attend our meetings and in order to hear the Word. Thus we have every reason to hope that a great number will partake of Baptism during the coming spring and summer." J. F. L.)

Referring to the relief of the poor in Hungary from November 16th, 1924, to November 15th, 1925, we beg to report as follows:

In this country, and particularly so in the towns, we may look for the cause of prevailing hardship in the depreciation of the paper currency.

With a view to economizing neither the Government nor private employers pay a living wage, or anything like approaching a pay on which one could maintain oneself without cares. Officials and clerks hardly get one half of their pre-war salaries. As instances it may suffice to mention that our Prime Minister's pay is only \$4,800 per annum, and thus a minor clerk's annual income does not exceed \$102.00, or about \$16.00 per month.

Laborers earn about \$3.60 a week; while skilled artisans from \$5.00 to \$9.60 at most.

Thus our Baptist brethren are incapable to earn enough to maintain their widows, orphans and other poor, although particularly in and about Budapest readiness to sacrifice is so eager that several brethren actually give their tithes to the Lord. The tithe of \$3.60 is however but 60c a week, and therefore, even if 200 church members paid this rate, they would hardly cover the cost of heating and lighting of the Chapel besides the pastor's stipend. Conditions are, of course, better in farming districts.

I would here like to mention market prices, and especially those of the most indispensable commodities:

1 lb flour.....	.08
1 lb sugar.....	.16
1 lb lard.....	.30
1 lb potatoes.....	.02
1 ton of coal comes to	\$9.60

With such prices in the market our church members, who have no other means besides their wages have a hard struggle to fight, are oppressed by cares, and our poor suffer unbearable hardship. A workman with a family of five or six children is incapable of supplying his family with dry bread even. Thus these people deprived of their power of resistance fall ill and perish. According to recent statistics there are 70,000 consumptive people in Budapest alone, who are approaching death.

To illustrate our relief work I would here mention a few instances:

Mrs. Tidéndeser, a widow, has six fatherless children. Her eldest daughter now lies in hospital with an amputated leg. The widow works at a factory, her wages amounting to \$2.90 a week. On this income she could die of starvation with her children. Consequently she comes to the Baptist weaving works in Kispest every afternoon, where she works from five till eleven. She earns \$2.90 a week here. We add further 95c a week to this out of the relief fund; and thereby she has \$6.75 a week in all to linger on. But it makes one's heart ache to look at her tired, weary body. She is next to fainting with hunger while at work. Mind she gives one tenth of her in-

come to the Lord, for the promotion of missions, orphanages, and religious literature.

Mrs. Lehotay, a widow, lost her husband in the war, maintains her four children. Her aged father is incapable to do any work, while her mother is now being taken to the lunatic asylum. She maintains her family by her needle. We help her with a few dimes monthly out of the Relief fund.

John Harmat, a very industrious, devout soul, is a factory worker. Has seven children. He buried his wife the other day and his children are now deprived of a mother. He makes \$2.90 a week. We employ one of his sons, a thirteen year old boy, at our Kispest weaving works, in order to assist the poor family somehow.

There being great lack of work we undertook feather-picking for our shop. Two old women, an old man and a blind woman are at work there. This job is so unremunerative that they can hardly earn 50c a week at it. We therefore eke their wages out with a few dimes out of the Relief fund.

I do hope, however, that these conditions will only prevail until the Hungarian currency regains its pre-war rate of exchange, and we shall be able to calculate with smaller sums instead of these high figures. The Government shows the best intentions, and supports the poor. They levied a famine tax in order to provide the needy with a warm meal in winter. Society as well has become more benevolent of late, and we have reasons to believe it was ourselves, who have shown them a good example. Notwithstanding, all this is not enough to allay the excessive need, while there is such a disproportion between labor and its reward. And we cannot expect it within one or two years to come.

EVANGELIZING IN NO MAN'S LAND

By L. R. Scarborough

I have just spent fifteen days with Pastor W. W. Hamilton and the St. Charles Avenue Church, New Orleans, in a season of evangelism. There were 49 additions, about 75 professions; 24 of the picked young people of the church volunteered for world-wide kingdom-service. The church broke ground for its new building right across from Tulane University on St. Charles Avenue; probably the best lot in that section for a Baptist church. The finances have been arranged, contract let, and work will begin at once on a \$130,000 church house, a beauty indeed. It will be the best non-Catholic, non-Jewish house of worship on St. Charles Avenue, the principal avenue of New Orleans.

Mr. Plunkett Martin led the music in a superlative fashion. Pastor Hamilton is enthroned in the hearts of his great church. I do not know of a more loyal, evangelistic, spiritual, denominationally-co-operant, forward-looking, optimistic church in a thousand miles. Hamilton is made out of the best gold in the Kingdom. No preacher ever had a finer family and more Christ-like home. I was in it for two weeks. The fellowship was a joy boundless.

New Orleans Baptists have fourteen institutional assets and two great Kingdom lighthouses. These fourteen assets are fourteen aggressive, evangelistic, united, co-operant churches located at strategical points in this great city. The two lighthouses, casting their rays of gospel light afar, are the Bible Institute and the Hospital. The Hospital building is going up rapidly. The Bible Institute is functioning gloriously for the gospel, with a noble faculty as sound as Paul in their theology and as evangelistic as John the Baptist in their soul-winning; a noble student body, doing a great work for the Master. Every Baptist in the world ought to be proud of the Bible Institute and this great growing Hospital in the center of this Catholic and Jewish atmosphere.

I spoke on three distinctly great occasions—to the Baptist men of New Orleans at one time; at another to the Baptist women of New Orleans;

at another in the Coliseum Church to the representatives, a great crowd, of all the Baptist churches and the Bible Institute. Meaningful indeed were those hours.

The Home Board has done in New Orleans a marvelous piece of work. For years they have put money by the thousands there. It began to look like the money was all lost; but in recent years the fruit is beginning to appear and the investment has risen with great institutional power above the foundations. I never saw churches better located. The Bible Institute and the Baptist Hospital seem to have been located by predestination in the very needed spots. The Home Board had much to do with these churches and these other institutions. There is ripening now in New Orleans a glorious Baptist harvest. I never saw pastors nor churches with a more beautiful fellowship in my life. There does not seem to be a kicker nor a critic nor a complainer. They are all pullers and pushers and co-operant helpers. My, what a spirit of conquering conquest is in their veins! It looks like every Baptist in New Orleans is an evangelist. They are threading that city, preaching the gospel, winning the lost. Not even Peter and the apostles on the Day of Pentecost had a more difficult situation than the Baptists of New Orleans have. The atmosphere is Catholic and Jewish. A Baptist in New Orleans until recently was "Mr. Nobody;" but, thank God, now he is "Mr. Somebody." The tide is turning.

I never knew until recently what the "D. D." after my name meant. I thought it was "Doctor of Divinity," but in New Orleans it meant "Doctor of Ministerial Dentistry." Winning souls in New Orleans is like pulling teeth—eye teeth at that. It is hard work. Your soul-winning there is in No Man's Land and sometimes it is beyond, in the opposition trenches. It is hard, but glorious. I never sympathized before with New Orleans Baptists. I thank God their difficulties have made them heroic. If I wanted to organize a Baptist army to cross the Red Sea, the desert and the swollen Jordan, I would pick my advance guards out of Baptists of New Orleans. They have had experience in desert-crossing.

But a new day is dawning and victory is on the banners of the Baptists of New Orleans. Let's help the Bible Institute and the Baptist Hospital, and all these heroic pastors and churches in this difficult but great gospel center. The gospel enthroned in New Orleans will radiate a thousand miles up the greatest and richest valley of the world and across the gulf to the thousands at the doors of the South.

I thank God for two weeks' experience of spiritual dentistry. If you want to have a good time, hard and happy, and work with a heroic force, visit the Baptists of New Orleans.

TAKING THE GUESSWORK OUT OF THE LORD'S BUSINESS

A Suggestion For Increasing the Effectiveness of All Baptist Kingdom Efforts

By Edward C. Miller, New York

The writer is a subscriber to nearly every Baptist state paper published in the South. He knows these papers, and, in his opinion, they constitute the finest body of religious literature published in the world today. They are sound in doctrine, deeply spiritual, and zeal inspiring. They create a holy enthusiasm, contain a wealth of religious information, are faithful to all Baptist interests, and loyal and true to the Bible and to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

These papers have exerted over the denomination an influence which is remarkable, when one considers how small a circulation, comparatively speaking, they have had among the Baptist brotherhood.

The following statistics are taken from the Southern Baptist Handbook of 1924. They show

the Baptist population (including both the white and colored) by states, and the circulation of each

State	Total Baptist Membership
Alabama	552,717
Arkansas	258,676
Florida	169,845
Georgia	977,071
Illinois	70,374
Kentucky	405,758
Louisiana	225,501
Maryland	41,025
Mississippi	679,247
Missouri	270,896
New Mexico	9,786
North Carolina	575,911
Oklahoma	182,897
South Carolina	409,812
Tennessee	453,881
Texas	640,978
Virginia	503,712
Total	6,428,087
Average percentage of circulation to memb	

The Handbook includes the colored membership as well as the white, and, assuming one-half of the membership to be white the average circulation would be from 5% to 6% for the white members.

About two members reach each paper circulated, and it would, therefore, be fair to assume that only 10% of the whole white membership in the South has been reached by the state papers.

This fact, it is believed, explains why Dr. Scarborough and other Conservation Leaders were unable to collect the 93 Million Dollars pledged in the "75 Million Dollar" campaign, thus leaving all the boards, except the Sunday School Board, with crushing burdens of debt.

It was not because Baptists did not have the money, but because the frantic and persistent appeals made for fulfillment of the pledges reached only the 10% who were already straining every nerve to meet their obligations.

Southern Baptists, now confronted with the new 1925 campaign, calling for about 12 to 15 Million Dollars, for Missions, Education, and Benevolence, will face the same conditions as in the "75 Million Dollar" campaign, and are likely to show the same results unless they improve their methods.

Is it not a proof of the divine origin of our Baptist faith that our Kingdom interests survive the business methods we sometimes employ?

Let us consider two other significant facts:

The best authorities estimate the annual income of Southern Baptists at one billion, five hundred millions dollars. The tithe or 10% on that sum for missions, benevolence and education, (purely unselfish purposes), would have amounted to one hundred and fifty millions of dollars annually during the past five years; but during this period there was actually paid in each year less than one-tenth of the tithe, or around twelve millions of dollars. The membership failed to pay 90% of the tithe due the Lord. Could this failure be explained in any other way than that 90% of the brotherhood did not receive the Baptist state papers?

Again, on Page 149 of the Southern Handbook it is stated that last year there was only one Baptism to every 17.8 members of the white brotherhood. In other words, over 90% of the membership apparently did nothing in the way of soul-winning! Could the fact that 90% of the membership did not receive the denominational papers have anything to do with their failure to win souls?

It would appear to a business man that Southern Baptists have something in the way of doctrines and principles to sell or market to customers, 90% of whom they are not reaching with any of their advertising. It would be safe to say that any secular business that should reach by advertising only 10% of prospective customers

paper, with percentages of circulation to Baptist membership.

Paper	Circulation	Percentage of Circulation
Alabama Baptist	14,000	2.53%
Baptist Advance	7,000	2.71%
Baptist Witness	6,000	3.53%
Christian Index	28,900	2.95%
Illinois Baptist	4,300	6.10%
Western Recorder	19,000	4.69%
Baptist Message	8,000	3.54%
Maryland Bap. Church Life	not given	
Baptist Record	10,000	1.47%
Word and Way	not given	
New Mexican	2,100	21.56%
Biblical Recorder	17,000	2.95%
Baptist Message	7,000	3.82%
Baptist Courier	17,400	4.24%
Baptist Reflector	9,250	2.03%
Standard	25,900	4.04%
Religious Herald	8,600	1.28%
Total Circulation	184,350	
Membership		2.86%

would inevitably go into bankruptcy.

The Roman Catholics publish more than 300 periodicals in this country,—one of them having more than two million copies weekly circulating among non-Catholics exclusively.

The progress made by Southern Baptists during the past five years has been phenomenal, but it has been effected by only 10% of the membership. What might have been the results had the other 90% been reached and fully enlisted!

Baptists are growing faster than any other denomination in this country. What amazing progress they will make when they really go at their problems right!

It would seem from what has been stated that the solution of most of the problems of the Southern Baptists will be reached when they put into the hands of each member of the churches a copy of the state paper,—and fifty-two times a year.

Baptists have never yet fully appreciated the value of their printed page, and of the spiritual power and material wealth that will come to them when they reach their entire membership with these papers regularly and systematically. This puts a heavy burden and load of responsibility on the editors of these Baptist papers.

The first and important thing to do is to lay out a plan for building up a great circulation for the state papers; and the following suggestion for doing this is submitted.

1. Through the Local Church

(a) One or two key men in the church working in conjunction with the Pastor, can secure subscriptions from most of the membership.

(b) Put the state paper in the church budget and see that every member or family gets the paper.

2. Through the District Associations

3. Through the State Convention

4. Through the Southern Baptist Convention

Let the associations provide a fund for churches that are too poor to pay for the papers. Let the state conventions co-operate with the district associations; and the Southern Baptist Convention endorse the program and use its influence with the state convention.

When a circulation of three or four millions copies weekly has been secured, let the papers adopt the following program:

(a). Put each paper on a sound business basis.

(b). Employ high class advertising men and sell space to representative business concerns on the basis of circulation and at the market price for space.

The Saturday Evening Post, Philadelphia, has a circulation of more than three million copies weekly. It sells for 5c a copy which pays only a fraction of its cost, but its advertising is said to be worth over \$500,000 weekly.

The Petite Journal, Paris, is a daily with a circulation of millions, carrying all the press dis-

patches and news of the day. This paper is given away free. Its advertising pays all costs of each issue, and shows a handsome profit.

One of the largest and best known dailies in New York City has 2,000 employees and an expense account of over \$70,000 weekly. The sale of 275,000 copies of their paper daily brings in less than \$35,000 each week, but the advertising makes up the deficit and shows the company a large profit.

So it will be with every Baptist paper in the South when they adopt sound business methods and increase their circulation to the limit of the Baptist membership in each state. They can then make their profits from the advertising with unerring certainty based on a circulation of the papers; and instead of showing deficits at the end of each year, they will earn millions of dollars for the betterment of the papers and for declaring large dividends for Kingdom interests in general.

When the Baptist paper goes into every Baptist home, how easy it will then be to make effective appeals for every Kingdom enterprise!

It will help to raise a hundred and fifty million dollars annually from tithers for missions, benevolence and education, which, with consecration of the membership, will enable Baptists to go a long way toward evangelizing the world and perhaps the present generation of Baptists may yet be permitted to welcome the second coming of our Lord.

Baptists we are servants of the King! To us He has entrusted the conduct of His business. It is the greatest business in the world! The King's business requireth haste! The King's business was stated in His last charge to His disciples—"Go ye into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you all the way even unto the end of the world." All else that we do as individual Christians or as a denomination should be considered merely incidental or supplemental to the business program of the King!

Go, Preach, Baptize and Teach are links in a golden chain that binds every true Baptist to the Lord,—the last link in the chain "Teach" is as vitally important as the other links—in fact, the chain is not complete without it. Baptists are custodians of the truth, the eternal verities of God; and they are trustees of the ordinances delivered to the Christian Church.

The Baptist paper under the guidance of the Holy Spirit constitutes the best teacher that we have at our command,—for in very many cases it is preacher, teacher, colporteur, evangelist, missionary and tract distributor all in one. No one is able to estimate the value of this teacher to those who need to be taught to "observe all things whatsoever the King has commanded."

There are many signs that the coming of the King is near at hand. Shall we not be about our Master's business? Shall we not do it efficiently and well? Shall we not covet His "well done good and faithful servant?"

Let us show to all men that Baptists are really in earnest! That we really wish to evangelize the nations! That we are looking for the Lord's return! Let us then do those things which will accomplish the desired results, and which will meet with His approval!

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." Let us have a great vision! Let us have a renaissance of true religion! Let us have a reformation of our methods! Let us put our religious literature in the hands of every member of our churches and in every Baptist family. Let us take the Guesswork out of the Lord's business!

Thanks to Brother Thornton for good words about The Baptist Record. Every day brings some evidence of appreciation from the brethren.

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

In District One

The First District Meeting will be held in Durant, June 1-2.

All delegates and visitors will please send their names to Miss Melia Pinkston. We extend you a cordial invitation to come. We want representatives from every association and every society in the District. We expect you and will be on hand to greet you.

(Signed) Mrs. A. L. Stevens.

To the Women of the Second District

We are looking forward with anticipation of great pleasure to your meeting with us May 27-28. We know that your coming to Charleston will bring a great blessing to us. We are eager to give you the glad hand, so come, one and all. Please send in your names right away to

Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston.

District Number Three

The Meeting in the Third District will be held in Holly Springs May 28-29. A splendid program is being prepared for us. We want the pleasure of entertaining representatives from each church in the District. Begin planning right now to come. Send your names to me and homes will be provided.

Mrs. John Hastings,

Holly Springs.

Fourth District Please Note

All delegates and visitors attending the Fourth District Meeting in Louisville, June 2-3 will please send their names to me. A hearty welcome awaits each one of you. Let us make this our banner meeting.

Mrs. G. E. Horn, Louisville.

District Number Five

Quitman is looking forward with much joy to entertaining the Fifth District Meeting to be held with us the evening of June 4th and all day June 5th. We urge societies from each church to begin right now to plan for the sending of delegates and visitors to us at that time.

Send your names to me and homes will be provided.

Mrs. J. K. Kirkland,

Quitman.

Sisters of Sixth District Attention

Our District Meeting convenes with us in Natchez, May 25-26. We are planning for you to be with us at that time. Come and share the privileges that this Meeting is going to bring to us. We have homes for every one of you. Send your names to the address below, and be sure of a hearty welcome.

Miss Willie Allen,
 Natchez, Miss.

Each sister will note the above calls; especially that one pertaining to her own District. Remember we are to have Miss Leachman; Mrs. J. C. Owen and our beloved Pearl Caldwell to bring us messages. Then the practical suggestions

brought by local, state or district workers will be helpful. Let each woman of us feel a personal responsibility for our Meeting, and see to it that our society is represented.

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it closely will captivate the crowd. And then what is more than argument, there is the force of personality and position. And back of it all is the shadow of a fear that something will happen to disrupt the body. We forget that a storm does not always come from the same direction, and disruption may come from saying too little as well as saying too much.

It was difficult for the Convention to make itself understood. Several resolutions, explanations, and protests had to be introduced to clarify matters, and then some people went away wondering. And some who have a great passion for criticizing went away with their quivers full of poisoned arrows and they will be flying thick for a while. But we were in a hard place and most of the delegates thought we got out of it in fairly good shape, by saying what we said and not saying what we didn't say. May the Lord send us help. We need it.

Another disputed point was as to forming an entangling alliance with the Y. M. C. A., becoming organically connected with it by appointing an official representative of the Convention on the Y. M. C. A. board of managers. There was some discussion, but never any serious doubt that the Convention would reject the proposition. If the Convention had not, there is hardly a doubt as to what the people back home would have done.

And now as to the real business and work of the Convention that will be treated later when we have had opportunity to read reports fully and carefully. Little was said about the debts on the Home and Foreign Boards. Many state boards have debts also, but our board in Mississippi has steered clear of debt for a good many years.

Prof. G. W. Fenley and his wife are open for an engagement to sing in meetings June 7-19. He expects to be working on his Ph.D. degree during most of the summer.

Mississippians take quite a good deal of pride in having Dr. B. G. Lowrey as one of the vice-presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention. Of course he made a good officer.

It seems very appropriate that Clarence Darrow, who has made his reputation defending the worst sort of criminals, should now offer his services to defend the school teacher in Tennessee charged with teaching evolution in violation of the law.

President Hindenburg of Germany in a recent address said he must choose duty rather than right. It is a queer situation one finds himself in when duty and right are in conflict. There's

something wrong with the world one lives in when duty and right are not identical. But some people have been brought up in a strange environment.

Scooba Baptist Church, Rev. S. L. Morris, pastor, has placed the Baptist Record in the budget.

New Hope Church, Rev. Bryan Simmnos, pastor, located at Madison Station, Miss., has placed the Baptist Record in the budget.

West Baptist Church has again been added to the Baptist Record budget. Rev. L. E. Lightsey, Montrose, Miss., did the work.

Rev. W. B. Hainey has resigned the care of the church at Pascagoula and accepted work in Alabama. May his work there be prospered and may the Lord bring him back to the promised land. His present address is 415 Terrace Blvd., Inglenook, Birmingham, Ala.

We are not filling our Page today with our W. M. U. matter because as is our custom we allow the space to the Convention proceedings. But we hope in the next issue to give expression to several important matters that came in our W. M. U. Convention.

It was fine to have our entire delegation of forty representatives. It was finer that we might have had several times that number of delegates, had we been allowed. Mississippi women took advantage of the nearness of the meeting and came in numbers.

It was fine to be able to bring back three of the banners offered by the Union. Surely this will be an incentive another year to bring back other prizes.

We trust the sisters all over the state are preparing to attend the District Meetings that are again announced on the Page. If each of us will advertise these meetings, then go up with prayerful hearts, we shall take a mighty step forward in Kingdom Work for the new fiscal year. Our missionaries, Miss Pearl Caldwell and Mrs. Owen, will set our hearts on fire with the foreign mission messages they bring. Our Miss Leachman will do the same for Home Missions. Then we are to have several of our Training School graduates with us in several of the meetings. Surely we will not allow anything less than Providential interference to keep us from these meetings. Watch the time and place.

Stallo

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Stallo Baptist Church met Monday, May 11, 1925, for election of officers. After devotional and prayer the following officers were elected: Mrs. E. N. Spradley, president; Mrs. Snow, vice-president; Miss Laure Maxey, secretary-treasurer.

After all business was attended to the meeting adjourned to meet again on the first Monday in June.—Mrs. E. N. Spradley, President.

B. Y. P. U. Department

"We Study That We May Serve"

Auber J. Wilds, Field Secretary

The Nine Points of Efficiency Which Govern the Contest For the "Efficiency Banner" to Be Given in Each District at Its Convention In June

- 10% 1. Proper Grading. Is your B. Y. P. U. work graded according to the Sunday School Board's suggestion, that a B. Y. P. U. for boys and girls 9-12 using the Junior B. Y. P. U. Quarterly; for boys and girls 13-16 using the Intermediate Quarterly; for young people 17 and up using the Senior B. Y. P. U. Quarterly?
- 10% 2. Enrollment. What per cent of your church members from 9 to 30 years old, inclusive, are enrolled in a B. Y. P. U.?
- 10% 3. Attendance. What is the average attendance of the "Active" B. Y. P. U. members upon the B. Y. P. U. weekly meetings?
- 10% 4. Daily Bible Readings. What per cent of your "Active" members have kept up the readings, as given in the Quarterly, for the year beginning July 1st, 1922?
- 10% 5. Study Course. What per cent of your "Active" members have received during the year a diploma or seal for completing one or more of the books in the B. Y. P. U. Study Course?
- 10% 6. Giving. What per cent of your "Active" members contribute regularly through the Church Treasury (not the B. Y. P. U.) to the support of the local church and to the 1925 Program?
- 15% 7. Extension. How many other B. Y. P. U.'s have been organized as a direct result of your church, either in your church or in other churches?
- 15% 8. Paperless Programs. How many programs have been rendered without the use of the Quarterly in the meeting? That means that the Leader, the President and every member is to render his part on the program absolutely without the aid of the Quarterly in the meeting. The Quarterly is to be used in the program planning meeting and by the members to study their parts prior to the weekly meeting, but not to be used even for reference (to the lesson) in the weekly meeting.
- 10% 9. Preaching Service. Count

the number of preaching services held in your church. Give each B. Y. P. U. member 100 for every service he attends. Divide his total grade by the number of services held and you have his average. If a church had 12 services and you attend eleven, your grade will be 1100 divided by 12, or 91 2-3. If the church had 104 services and you miss one your grade would be 10300 divided by 104, or 99 1-26. Add the grades of all "Active" members in all the unions in the church, divide by the number of "Active" members enrolled and give the grade here.

NOTE. "Active" members are B. Y. P. U. members who are members of the Baptist Church, all others are "Associate" members and are not counted in any of these nine points. In each point the percentage is to be taken as a whole including every active member of every B. Y. P. U. in the church.

Enterprise B. Y. P. U. Does a Good Work of Missions

The report from Mrs. S. H. Andrews, Junior B. Y. P. U. Leader of Enterprise, tells of their organizing a B. Y. P. U. in the negro Baptist Church of their town. This is the second report like this we have had recently, one from the Silver Springs B. Y. P. U. reported several weeks ago. This is a splendid work. We send Missionaries to Africa, so why not do a little missionary work among the negroes here. We are always glad to get a report like this.

The Indian Springs Senior B. Y. P. U. organized a Senior B. Y. P. U. at Corinth Baptist Church Sunday night, May 3rd. The following officers were elected: Carey Chapman, President; Julius Bounds, Vice-President; Julia Holcomb, Secretary; Ellie Rae Bounds, Treasurer; Mayo Dyar, Corresponding Secretary; Burel Dyar, Chorister; Jewell Dyar, Pianist; Frank Dyar, Crayonist; and J. C. Meadows, Bible Leaders Reader. Jimmie Bounds, Lizzie Cox, Ella Saucier and Jewell Cox, Group Captains. This report comes in from the Corresponding Secretary, Mayo Dyar, and he adds that they have started out on the A-1 basis and expect to keep it up. That's the way to organize, a half organization will never get you anywhere.

Clipped from the Church Bulletin of First Church, Columbus:

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fore Him." Habak 2:20. Shall we as Baptist young people have it said that we are reverent in all our religious meetings and social life? Think, think, think!

Three Unions claim Honor Banner! Wilds, Sykes and Morgan Unions 100 per cent in church attendance last Sunday night. An excellent record! We congratulate them all and we were sorry not to present the banner to all three Unions. The Wilds Union got the lucky number, but the other two deserve as much honor.

Franks Union led in Membership Committee Meeting. It was decided in this meeting to put on a campaign for new members. The Honor Banner will be given tonight to the Union reporting the largest number of new members. If you want the names of some prospects, call at the church office.

Lacking in only one point! Church Attendance. In checking up on the Standard of Excellence for the Advanced Organization in our B. Y. P. U. we find that we meet every requirement except this one: "Seventy-five per cent of the entire membership remaining for the evening service." Of course we can easily meet this requirement. Make your plans to stay for church tonight. Will you?

Boost Your Particular Union!
Boost your Union's Standard;
Boost it and make it climb;
For the chap that's found
On the topmost round
Is the booster every time.

Lumberton

Our three B. Y. P. U.'s of Lumberton assured the Baptist Congregation Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, that we are really "Studying that we may serve". We had charge of the Mothers' Day program at the morning services and rendered the following program:

Opening Song—"Zeal, Our Watchword", by Senior B. Y. P. U., Accompanied by Orchestra.
Song—"Mothers' Day", Senior B. Y. P. U.
Reading—"Mothers' Day", Edna Earle Gordon.
Prayer—Prof. C. S. Bigham.
Song—"My Mother", Senior B. Y. P. U.
Reading—"M-o-t-h-e-r", Martha Frances Bigham.
Scripture Reading—By Pastor.
Song—"On Mothers' Day", Congregation.
Offertory—Piano-Violin Duet—Mrs. C. C. Ward and Miss Hazel Walker.

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Sunday School Department

By R. A. Venable

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON May 24, 1925

The Beginning of Saul's Career as a Disciple of Jesus Christ

The Scripture Lesson—Acts 9:20-31

Introduction—The complete reversal of Saul's life and the spirit which animated his activities were due, according to his own statement, to the appearance of the enthroned Christ to him near the city of Damascus. That appearance transformed him from a relentless persecutor of the followers of the Christ into a humble believer and a zealous advocate of the cause which he labored to destroy. That supernatural disclosure of Jesus Christ wrought in him an experience which was as real to him as his own life. This transforming experience was not the effect of the operations of certain psychological principles brought into play by an unusual environment. His words are sufficiently clear in his explanation of this sudden and abiding transformation as to leave us in no doubt as to his conception of his conversion to Christianity and the power by which it was effected. "But when it was the good pleasure of God who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace to reveal His son in me." (Gal. 1:12.) "And about that which he saw and heard he never wavered. It was the secret of his innermost being; it was the most unalterable conviction of his soul; it was the very crisis and most intense moment of his life. Others might hint at explanations or whisper doubt; Saul knew. From that moment Saul was converted. A change total, utter, final had passed over him. And the means of this mighty change all lay in this one fact at that awful moment, he had seen the Lord Jesus Christ."

After such a transformation experience what could be more natural than the account given of his conduct in the first days of his transformed life. A new Saul in a new world, animated by new impulses, armed with a new authority, controlled by a new purpose in response to the will of his new found Lord. "And he was certain days with the disciples at Damascus; and straightway in the synagogues he proclaimed Jesus, that he is the Son of God." (Vers. 19-20.) His old associates and companions have drifted from him, whither we may not conjecture. But Saul finds himself in association and fellowship with those whom he once hated and sought to destroy. To these he is drawn by the affinity of the new life which bound him and these disciples into a common fellowship. This new life in him could not be satisfied with a passive state of loving fellowship, but impelled him forward to the work to which he was called.

Immediately, without "conferring

with flesh and blood" he enters upon the work of proclaiming Jesus, the Nazarene, as the "Son of God." Whatever the designation might mean to others the Son of God to him was a divine being, metaphysically the Son of God. It meant more to him than the Messiah of God, divinely commissioned, divinely anointed, and therefore Son of God, but the divinely begotten One, the Son of God and therefore the Messiah. He was marked out as Son of God by his resurrection from the dead. This sudden change in the spirit and activities of Saul, and the fiery zeal with which he entered upon his new found mission filled his audience with amazement. Such a radical revolution in the life and purpose of one whose very name sent terror to the heart of all the disciples, could not be accounted for upon any principles known to them in estimating human motives and human conduct. The conversion and career of Saul of Tarsus must be accounted for. His life is a problem which infidelity can not ignore and of which it has no solution. It can not be solved except on the assumption that Saul saw the Lord near the city of Damascus. The amazement of the disciples was due to their knowledge of Saul as the deadly foe of all who accepted Jesus, the crucified Nazarene, as the promised Messiah, and the Savior of men. The havoc wrought by him in Jerusalem upon the disciples and his advance upon Damascus to "search out and carry bound to Jerusalem all he found of that way" had not been displaced by whatever knowledge they had of his recent conversion. "And all that heard him were amazed and said is not this he that in Jerusalem made havoc of them that called on His name? And he had come hither for this intent, that he might bring them bound before the chief priests." (Ver. 21.) The little flock listening, in dismay, for the ravenous voice of a ferocious beast who sought them as his prey could hardly understand how the roar of the lion had become the tender voice of a shepherd. How the foe had become a friend, the hater become a lover, the persecutor and destroyer become the advocate and defender of the cause against which so recently he was breathing threatening and slaughter. Questions were in their minds which were never answered; surmises which never came to expression, and fears which would not down. Surprise, doubt, and hesitancy obscured the morning star of the new day.

The controlling purpose of Paul's public discourses and their content are evident. The character of his audience had much to do with both the choice of his subject and the manner of his treatment. "But Saul increased the more in strength and confounded the Jews that dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is

Christ." (Ver. 22.) The courage of Saul becomes evident in the beginning of his activities as a preacher of the gospel of the Son of God. He does not betake himself to some secluded retreat to begin his ministry, where his words would be greeted by friendly ears, but he enters the synagogue to preach Jesus as the Son of God and the Christ of God. The odium, the execration in which his name was held by the devotees of the synagogue did not deter him. The sudden change of this champion of the Jewish orthodoxy of his time, the pride of his nation, and the hope of the religious authorities of Jerusalem could but subject him to the charge of perfidy. His espousal of the cause of the Galilean peasant who had been crucified at the instance of the Sanhedrin court and whose name had been consigned to everlasting infamy, must have aroused their indignation well nigh beyond the limit of endurance or restraint. Their first endeavor was to overwhelm him in debate, entrenching themselves behind the bulwarks of Rabbinical learning and traditional interpretations, but they mistook the strength of their foe. Saul's native ability and his vast learning in the lore of the Rabbis and the traditions of the elders made their defeat easy in the hands of this disciple of Gamaliel and preacher of the Nazarene. With an increasing religious conviction and fervor and a power which his new found faith supplied him he "confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus." Bringing forward the Mes-

sianic passages of the Old Testament, comparing these with the life, works, teachings, death, and the resurrection of Jesus, he proved he was the Christ foretold in the Old Testament; the world's promised Redeemer. The lore of the Rabbis and the tradition of the elders were swept aside with the word of the God of Israel. The ground was cut from under their feet and they were driven from the field.

Luke passes over a very important event connected with Saul's career in Damascus, of which mention is made in the Epistle to the Galatians 1:15-17. At what point in Luke's account we must find room for Saul's visit to Arabia, opinion differs. Probably this visit came in between verses 22 and 23. Why Saul went to Arabia and to what part of Arabia he went, how long he remained there and what was his purpose in going, no one knows. The connection in which he makes mention of this visit and the wonderful change which had been so recently wrought in him by which his old system of thought had been

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His stay in Damascus is now drawing to a close and the circumstances of his departure are dramatic. "And when many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel together to kill him; but their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night that they might kill him." (Vers. 23-24.) The Jews had been driven from the field of controversy. Their defeat was as complete as it was humiliating. If their first expedient to drive this perfidious renegade from Damascus had failed another more drastic method was ready at hand. Whom they could not silence by argument they could silence by death. They took counsel to kill him. Their purpose became known to Saul. God is taking care of is own. These enemies little knew that the life of Saul entered into a divine program which neither men nor devils could thwart or destroy. They knew not that Saul, under the guiding hand of the God of the true Israel, could not only annoy Damascus, but would in the coming years turn the world upside down. They might, with unremitting vigilance, guard the gates of the city day and night, but they could not arrest and quench the fire-spirit of the gospel, who would set on fire the hearts of men from Damascus to Rome. Their counsel against Saul was a counsel against the divine program of the world. Their ignorance was appalling and their efforts were futile. "But the disciples took him by night and let him down through the wall, lowering in a basket." (Ver. 25.) Disciples, an opening in the wall, and a basket, are the simple instruments which the Lord employs, to save his "chosen vessel to the Gentiles" from the hands of bloody murderers. God chooses the weak things to confound the wishes of the wise. Jesus took a boy's lunch and fed five thousand men. Nothing we have and are but God can use it and us to carry out the purpose of His grace. The striking of an old clock in the dead hours of the night bring a thoughtless rolicksome youth to feel the need of salvation and the way of life.

Saul's career in Damascus comes to end, and now he takes his departure under the cover of darkness, never to return to the scene of his conversion, and of the beginning of a long life of unremitting labor and suffering for Christ. These early scenes never faded from his memory. The light and the shadows of these early experiences of this man, he cherished to the end. He now

retraces his steps to Jerusalem, a city vocal with a thousand reminders of the horrible scenes of his inexorable cruelties to the disciples of the Jesus who had appeared to him near Damascus and transformed him from a murderous persecutor into a humble believer in Jesus the Son of God, his Lord and his Christ. "And when he was come to Jerusalem, he essayed to join himself to the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, not believing he was a disciple." (Ver. 26.) Upon entering the city he did not seek out his old companions and comrades in persecution. He had no report to make to the Jewish authorities who had commissioned him to go to Damascus on his mission of deadly persecution. With these he had broken forever. He seeks out the little group of believers whom he had sought to destroy. He now craved not their blood, but their loving fellowship, their confidence, and their sympathy. But the three years of absence had not erased from their memory the indescribable cruelty of this frenzied persecutor who had wreaked his vengeance upon every believer in the crucified Jesus who had been enthroned as both Lord and Christ. Their fear of him had not abated. They could not believe in his statements, nor impose any confidence in the honesty of his purpose. They did not believe he had become a disciple. "But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way and that he had spoken to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus." (Ver. 27.) Saul and Barnabas may have been acquainted with each other in the past at Cyprus, the former home of Barnabas, was not far away from Tarsus, the home of Saul. Besides, Barnabas was of lordly spirit and more than willing to give every man the benefit of all doubt, and see that every man had a chance. He was of a suspicious nature, but generous and sought to encourage and help any man and all men. He makes the ground of his intercession in Saul's behalf, his experience near Damascus, where he was thrown to the ground amid the blazing splendor of a light above noon day's sun, and heard the voice of Jesus, and saw in a vision, his form divested of the ceremonies of earth, but clothed in the vesture of Lordship over heaven and earth. He had not only seen the Lord, but he boldly preached in the name of the Lord in Damascus. The vision of the glorified Jesus and the words he had spoken to Saul was a guarantee to Barnabas and the apostles of the transformation of the fierce persecutor into a humble believer and preacher of Jesus as Son of God. One of such an experience they could trust and gladly receive into their fellowship. This episode in the life of Saul may have brought his labors to a pause for a while, but did not quench his zeal as a preacher. "And he was with them going in and going out of Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord; and he spake and disputed against the Grecian Jews;

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East Mississippi Department

By R. L. Bröland

Wait a Moment

The great Southern Baptist Convention met at Memphis last week, and I am writing this word while it is in session. I am asking the brethren and sisters all over the land to wait a moment before forming or expressing an opinion relative to the action of the Convention in its recent pronouncement in its "Baptist Faith and Message". Let the statement itself, which is to be printed and sent out at once, be carefully and prayerfully read and digested—and then in the spirit of our Redeemer, whom we love and whom we serve, let us pass on the action of the Convention.

I am a Bible fundamentalist of the first water; that is, I believe in the inspiration of the Bible, in its content of truth, its teaching, its words, its everything, that it is God's word, including all of Genesis clear through to the last "Amen" in Revelation. I believe what it says about God, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus Christ—that Christ is the divine Son of God, begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, lived a perfect life, was crucified and died on the cross, was buried and rose again from the dead after three days, that He ascended to Heaven where He ever lives and makes intercession for us and that He will come back to earth again to receive His own unto himself. So you see I have no sympathy—not ten thousandth of one iota of a speck of sympathy—with modernism or evolution in any form, so that my words are without bias toward that heresy as I plead with you for unity.

I was and am of the opinion that the statement of Faith should have in some form or other by word expressed our disbelief in evolution, but more than two-thirds of my Baptist brethren and sisters attending the Convention thought it best not to call it by name in the statement of Faith, but only in the message attached thereto where evolution is named and denounced, so Baptistically I submit to the will and judgment of the large majority of my brethren and sisters, and within the folds of the dear old Baptist Church, which Jesus loved and gave His life for, and which I love better than my own life or interests, I will fight for truth and righteousness with all my heart and soul and fight against evolution and modernism to the bitter end, asking no quarters, neither giving any.

I believe the masses of our Baptist people are sound in the faith. I believe the committee who drafted this message are sound in the faith. I do not believe that we are going on the rocks and to ruin. I have faith in God and his Word. So I feel that we are at the dawning of a new day, and that with the present statement of doctrines we will go

right on to a glorious victory and continue in the future as in the past the chief contenders for the faith once for all delivered to the saints.

So let us stand together, true to the old church and the old faith as found in the Bible. The glorious past with its glorious achievements urge us on, and all we have achieved in the past is in jeopardy unless Baptists take firm grip on God through faith, live and die by His Word, stick tenaciously together and preach the pure gospel to all the world. So help us God.

Notes and Comments

More than 10,000 Baptists attended the Convention alst week.

Memphis was a royal host. Somehow we love the old city better since staying in her midst for a week.

The writer with Elder B. E. Phillips was royally entertained in the home of our dear friends, Elder E. J. Hill and interesting family. Brother Hill is pastor of Merton Avenue Baptist Church of Memphis, one of the good churches of the city.

Meeting and greeting the brethren and sisters from all over the South are some of the real joys and blessings of the Convention. We meet old friends we would never see if it were not for these meetings.

Memphis has a great auditorium where the Convention held its sessions. It comfortably seated all the ten thousand Baptists present. But its acoustics are far from perfect, so that one could not hear very well in it.

The meeting next year will likely be held somewhere in the West, possibly in Texas, as it has not met in that great state in several years. Personally, I hope it will.

REVIVAL MEETING AT SECOND CHURCH, TUPELO, APRIL 19-28

By unanimous vote of the church the pastor did the preaching for the meeting. Many Christians were renewed and refreshed from the presence of God. We had services at night only. Good attention with good attendance and anxious minds and hearts to receive the word of truth was in evidence. Many rejoiced because of the spiritual blessings from God. The spirituality rolled high and twelve were happily converted to Christ, and six of them came forward and united with the Second Church for baptism and others joined for baptism Sunday. Four joined by letter. Total, ten.

For the spiritual blessings to the saved, and for saving the lost, we give the Lord all the praise, glory, and honor.

Eleven were converted last night. O! if we could only have continued the meeting longer many others who were under deep conviction would have been saved, but our account of the serious illness of my mother we closed.

The blessings of God be upon the editor and all the readers.—J. R. Gullett, R. No. 3, Guntown, Miss.

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Woman's College Notes

By Cecelia Durscherl

Thursday night Mr. E. S. Roeder and Miss Emily West, faculty members of the music department, presented an organ recital which was one of the most enjoyable programs of the entire year. "Con Grazia" by Miss West and "Fantasie" played by Mr. Roeder and assisted by Miss Elizabeth Gilchrist on the piano were two members that met with unusual praise from the audience.

Wednesday found most of Woman's College at Gulfport for the annual picnic. A special train left Hattiesburg at 8 in the morning and returned at 10 in the evening. Swimming, riding and a picnic lunch were enjoyed. This is an event which means much to Woman's College and even though most everyone came back with blistered necks, it was well worth it all.

Plans are being formulated for the commencement program. The concert will be Saturday night, May 30, the Baccalaureate sermon and sacred concert by the Glee Club will be given Sunday, May 31, and the graduating exercises will be Monday night in the college auditorium.

Rev. Hancock of the Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth was a speaker in Chapel Friday morning. Though his talk was brief, he brought greetings from the Seminary and Training School and his short visit was profitable to all.

Mr. Joe Connally, traveling secretary for the Student Volunteer Movement, spent three days at Woman's College last week. His conference with the students, his chapel talk on "Missions", and his meeting with the Student Volunteer Band were all an inspiration to the girls.

A special Mother's Day program was given at the church Sunday by the college girls.

"Back to Modesty Movement" fostered by the Student Government Association is the latest movement for upholding the high standards of Woman's College. M. W. C. girls love and stand for the highest ideals of womanhood and this movement encourages and urges every Woman's College girl to take the message of modesty by her own living to her home and community during the summer months.

Hillman College Notes

The annual Alumnae banquet is to take place on next Friday night. Hillman graduates will please take notice. Tickets can be secured from Miss Bille Griffith of the present senior class. A large attendance is desired and expected.

The students who went on the annual sight-seeing tour to the Vicksburg National Park last Saturday report a delightful time. The rain in the afternoon did not drown their pleasure. The boat trip on the river was especially enjoyed.

Senior exams are being held this week. The other classes are to undergo the same pleasure next week.

The Seniors were entertained by the Juniors on Monday afternoon. Games were played and refreshments served. In the evening the Seniors were treated to a picture show by the Freshmen.

Mrs. M. P. L. Berry has gone to Washington, D. C., to spend a month with her daughter, Miss Edwina, who is doing post graduate work in George Washington University. They expect to return by water from New York to New Orleans, reaching home about June 20th. Miss Berry is a graduate of Hillman and Blue Mountain Colleges.

Hillman College Notes Commencement Program

Friday, 7:30 P. M., May 22nd—Annual Banquet.

Saturday, 8 P. M., May 22nd—Concert by Piano, Voice and Expression pupils.

Sunday, 11 A. M.—Commencement Sermon, Dr. J. W. Mayfield, McComb City.

Sunday, 7:30 P. M.—Sacred Concert.

Monday, 8 P. M.—Annual address, Dr. M. E. Dodd, Shreveport, La. Delivery of Diplomas.

Mississippi Woman's College Notes

As the time draws near for the close of school and the work of the officers of the Y. W. A. for this year is about to be finished the reins are being turned over to the officers for next year. A most impressive installation service was held at the last meeting of the Y. W. A. in which the old officers gave words of encouragement and exhortation to push forward to the incoming officers. The closing message of the new president, Miss Arda Stringer, was beautiful and inspiring. Great things are expected for the next year.

Those who were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to attend the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis were Dr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. O'Brian, Rev. W. S. Allen, and Miss Frances Landrum.

Their reports of this great Convention are being looked forward to.

"Girls get thrilled, the G. C. M. A. Band is to be with us tonight", and thrilled they were. The boys were their guests for supper and that was such fun. But the best part was the splendid band concert which was greatly enjoyed by all and it is hoped that they will come back again soon.

The college paper, The Scissors, was represented at the M. I. P. A. meeting by Miss Alma Chancellor, this year's editor, and Miss Nannie Patterson, the editor for next year, also Miss Marie Magee. They brought back most encouraging news and all are looking forward to a better and better paper until it is the very best.

A brilliant recital was given by Miss Julia Mae Brent and Miss Mittie Walne Pack in voice. The program was splendid and one which would be deeply appreciated by any music lover. It was rendered in a most finished way.

The B. Y. P. U. and the Life Service Band are selecting their officers and making plans to carry forward the work for next year in a greater and bigger way that more may be accomplished for the Master.

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Sermon—"Great Mothers of the Bible", Pastor.

By taking such an active part in the church work we young people realize the good we get from attending the B. Y. P. U., and it causes us to take more interest in the Union.

We are now planning ways to keep up our good work during the summer months while so many of our members are away on vacations. We have completed two Study Courses since the first of the year. We will be glad to have any Union, especially new Unions, to visit us and see the good work we are doing.

Laurel

The Junior and Intermediate Leaders of the Laurel B. Y. P. U.'s feel that they were most fortunate in having Miss Sallie Paine Morgan with them in an all-day conference last Saturday. After a short devotional period Miss Morgan entered into the discussion of B. Y. P. U. work, its relation to the church and its problems. Lunch was provided at the church by a local committee and was enjoyed very much.

The leaders feel that it was a great inspiration and help to have had Miss Morgan here and feel that they are strengthened for the work, and the problems that might confront them in the enlargement of their work.

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is to be with us to do the preaching.
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a view of giving his entire time to
evangelistic work. He begins the
first of June. He is getting many
invitations already. I hope we shall
keep him busy in Mississippi. We
need him in our midst. Remember
our meeting here at the throne of
grace. We are praying for a great
meeting and believe that our Father
will give it to us.

Yours most heartily,

—J. B. Quin.

A CONTEST FOR POPULARITY

By Jennie N. Standifer

Vivian Coleman's home was in the
suburbs of a pretty Florida town,
which was the seat of C— College.
The daughters of many millionaires
attended the school because of the
delightful climate, and the most effi-
cient teachers were employed. That
was why Vivian, after graduating
from high school, entered the college
as a day pupil. A week after ma-
triculating she returned home one
afternoon with a scowling face.

"What is it, Vivian?" asked her
mother.

"Sara Bolton asked me at noon
before half a dozen of the boarding
pupils if you could make over her
last winter's dress."

"What did you tell her?"

"Nothing. I simply stared. I
wouldn't have those rich girls know
that you are a dress-maker, and Sis-
ter Kate a book-keeper, for a fortu-
ne."

"Why?"

"Most of my friends are among
the rich girls and they would de-
spise me."

"Sara is working her way through
college as a stenographer for one of
the professors. Do they despise
her?"

"She has such a friendly way with
everybody that they can't cut her."
"Can't you be friendly also?"

"Not in that 'hail-fellow-well-met'
way of Sara's. I am going to be
exclusive or I will not go to school."

"We could not afford to send you
away to a boarding school where
you could have such advantages as
at C— College."

"If the girls slight me I am going
to quit school."

"That would be foolish, child.
Think of the struggle we are mak-
ing to give you opportunities! These
schoolmates will soon pass out of
your life and will not care whether
you are rich or poor."

"I want them to treat me as an
equal, Mother, and of course they
despise poverty. I must make the
best appearance I can."

Vivian dressed as well as limited
means permitted, tactfully avoided
other day pupils, and sought the
companionship of the rich. One day
she returned from school with the
announcement:

"A girl of New York state, who
graduated from C— College last
year, has offered a beautiful medal
for the most popular girl in school.

I would rather win that medal than
graduate with special distinction."

"Why is it so desirable?" asked
Kate.

"So many want to be popular. I
am going to work for it."

"Better cultivate worth-while
friendships and stop toadying to
girls who have money," advised
Kate.

"I don't toady. I simply prefer
refined, cultivated associates."

"But your influence might help the
poor, uncultured ones." Vivian ig-
nored the thrust. She began to give
much more time to her personal ap-
pearance.

Just after mid-winter examina-
tions a recital was given by pupils
of Professor DuPont, who was in-
structor in Voice. Vivian was to
take a prominent part, as her voice
was considered unusually fine.

"Four of us are to be dressed in
white silk with lace overdresses,"
she told her mother. "I want to or-
der mine with Celeste Moran and
Ethel Forrester."

"I cannot afford anything very ex-
pensive, dear," the mother protested.

Vivian wept, threatened to quit
school, and finally lapsed into a fit
of sulks which lasted for days. But
one evening she came home with a
smiling face.

"Professor DuPont says the girls
who sing in the quartette must wear
Grecian robes, made of cheese cloth.
Sara Bolton said she could not sing
if she must buy an expensive dress,
and he said simple robes would do.
I cannot see why as plain a girl as
Sara should be put in a recital."

"Because of her winning ways,
perhaps," suggested Kate.

"There's nothing winning about
her that I can see," snapped Vivian.

After the recital Vivian began to
spend every dollar she could coax
from her mother or sister on treats
to her friends. She would not in-
vite them to her humble home, but
she treated them royally with candy
and home-made dainties.

She brought a distressing bit of
news to her home one day in early
Spring. Her friends Celeste Moran
and Ethel Forrester had announced
that they were in the contest for
popularity.

"I thought they were my best
friends," she moaned.

"They have the right to enter the
contest if they wish, have they not?"
asked her mother.

"Yes, but it means nothing to
them—a passing fancy—and they
have so much. And I—" She burst
into tears.

"You have set your heart on a
bauble, I fear, child," said her moth-
er, "if you are going to lose friends
to win that medal. Your motive
should be to gain friends by deserv-
ing their respect and love."

There followed weeks of unhap-
piness for Vivian. She was miserable
when her friends gave spreads and
"moveable feasts" and she was not
invited, and still more miserable
when she was bidden to their en-
tertainments and knew she could not
return such courtesies and win
friends.

Other candidates entered the con-
test for the Popularity Medal. Some
gave horseback riding parties, some

took scores of girls automobile driv-
ing, and others gave luncheons at
expensive hotels, with teachers as
chaperons. Vivian sought to hide
her disappointment and wretched-
ness by close application to her
school work. She was rewarded by
the praises of her teachers and grati-
fication of her mother and sister,
but she felt that she was winning no
new friends.

As the close of the session ap-
proached intense excitement per-
vaded the school. A number of
prizes and medals had been offered,
but the Popularity Medal was the
most coveted of all. At times Vivian
was hopeful, and then in the depths
of despair when a candidate gave
some unique outing, which caused a
temporary sensation.

"It is because I have no money to
spend that I cannot be popular," she
declared over and over at home.

The final examinations were
passed, and recitals, concerts and
receptions followed in rapid suc-
cession. The day for delivering
diplomas and prizes arrived. Vivian
had taken a prominent part in the
exercises, and been highly compli-
mented, but it gave her no pleasure.

The day for the secret vote for
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M. S. C. W. News Notes

Who's Who

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Did You Know?

One girl has taken 18 study courses this year?

Four girls have received their Blue Seal?

Interesting Reading for 15 Minutes "Testimonies" in the American Mercury—April.

"Americana" in the same issue.

"Dizzy Arithmetic" in February Atlantic Monthly.

"The Young Person" in the same issue.

Elbert Hubbard's Scrap Book.

"Christian Education"—April issue.

Noon-day Prayer Meeting

We were glad to have Brother Sansing with us on last Sunday and to have him lead our service. He spoke on "Paul's Prayer Life." These meetings have been splendid throughout the year and have meant much to the girls on the campus.

\$100

A poster worth "\$100" was attracting much attention last week. It was merely announcing the \$100 scholarship which is to be awarded to the girl who secures the most money for our Student Building.

State Student Conference

Already the M. S. C. W. girls are getting interested in our State Conference which will meet here next fall. Plans are beginning to be formulated to make this the outstanding event of the year. The program is already being planned. When the girls return in the fall, all emphasis will be placed on this meeting. Columbus is ready for as many students as will come.

At the reading of these notes there will be only three Sundays left for the college girls in Columbus. They are certainly to be commended for the splendid "holding-out interest" they have exhibited. If anything, the interest has been keener than ever. Reports for April and the first Sundays in May have been splendid. Attendance on all meetings has been up to standard. This

is commendable; they are true "bitter enders."

DR. ROBERTSON TO REMOVE TO WASHINGTON

The announcement last Sunday that Dr. B. P. Robertson, pastor of the local Baptist Church, had tendered his resignation, was a source of universal regret by our entire citizenship.

He has been called by the Hyattsville Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., and while his field of usefulness will be many times larger and his splendid abilities given greater opportunity for work, yet his removal from Senatobia and Tate County leaves a vacancy that will be exceedingly difficult if not impossible to fill.

Dr. Robertson is a man of deep spiritual conviction, of scholarly attainment, wonderful energy and ability. His work here both as a spiritual leader and as a promoter of those things that build a community in a material way will be remembered and appreciated for many years.—Tate County Democrat.

From a letter received by a mail order house:

"The enclosed articles have proved unsatisfactory to my wife, who, I regret to inform you is very hard to please. I notice they are entirely as represented in the catalog and also just what was ordered, so it is no fault on your part. My wife is naturally very trying at times. Sometimes she does not know what she does want. I am thoroughly disgusted with the way my wife finds fault with things, especially when she receives exactly what she orders."—Exchange.

Stray Wolf, an Oklahoma Indian who had become rich in oil, bought an expensive automobile and soon had an accident on the public highway. Limping and somewhat bruised, he came into the local salesroom, carrying a pocketful of money. He wanted another car and explained loss of his original purchase in this way: "Drive out big red car. Buy moonshine. Take a drink. Step on gas. Trees and fence go by. Pretty soon big bridge come down road. Turn out to let bridge go by. Bang! Car gone. Gimme 'nother."—Exchange.

A letter from Palm Beach, in New York Times: "New York is full of restaurants advertising Southern cooking. In the Florida resorts I see restaurants advertising Northern cooking. Is there no part of the country that dares to brag about its cooking at home, where they know it."—Exchange.

"OCCUPY TILL I COME"

Our Lord has gone away, but He is coming back again. Before He went away He said to His servants: "Occupy till I come." We are His servants, His representatives. Are we faithfully occupying when we sit idly by and let a den of thieves usurp our sacred precincts?

Jesus said: "I am the door." He also said: "He that entereth not

by the door of the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." Any man that denies the virgin birth and bodily resurrection of our Lord; any man that would rob Him of His vicarious sufferings and sacrificial offering of His blood for the atonement of our sins; any man that offers any other way of "entering in" except through faith in Him, who is the door, the same is a thief and a robber.

I say, are we faithfully occupying when we allow these modernists and Cain-cults to use our sacred precincts to parade their satanic doctrines, without even a protest? Or should we not, following our Lord's example, plait together a few small cords of truth and drive them out. They have no right to use our funds and our houses of worship to make merchandise of their modernism and other heresies. This will apply to local churches as well as associations and conventions. It will also apply to schools that receive support from the churches.—J. E. Heath.

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but they were seeking to kill him." (Vers. 28-29.) Saul was as zealous in preaching Jesus Christ as he had been in persecuting the disciples. The scene of his new labors was the same as that of his former efforts to destroy those of that way. His spirit is different now, his purpose is different, he had seen the Lord, and heard his voice, he has been transformed, he is a new Saul, responsive to the impulsion of the spirit of his ascended Lord. The dauntless courage of this humble preacher of the Lord involved him in a sharp and deadly conflict with the Greek-speaking Jews of the city. Their hatred of this turn-coat and renegade made them seek to destroy his life. They could not answer his arguments, but they could silence his tongue in death. Their wrath against this former champion of orthodox Judaism they could not intimidate. He had been party to the death of Stephen. His memory of the sublime composure of Stephen amid the pelting stones which were beating his life out of him disarmed Saul for all fears of a martyr's death. The cooler heads of the brethren, aware of the impending fate awaiting this newly won and irresistible champion of the gospel of Jesus Christ, interposed to rescue him from the deadly hate of his enemies. His life was worth more to the kingdom of the Lord than his death as a martyr. "And when the brethren knew it they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him forth to Tarsus." (Ver. 30.) This closes the first scene of the drama of that wonderful life which has shaped the thought of the western world and left its impress upon the civilizations of two thousand years; the rising tide of whose influence is destined to reach the last outpost of earth and sweep the shores of an eternal day. Luke now calls attention to the peace, growth, conduct, and comfort of the Holy Spirit, which the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed for a season. (See Ver. 31.)

IN MEMORIAM

W. E. Henry

William E. Henry, of Pace, Bolivar County, age 26, departed this life from the Baptist Hospital of Memphis, on March 15th, 1925.

The subject of this notice was the son of the late W. E. Henry of Bolivar County; his mother, Mrs. A. A. Henry, still survives; also a son, B. A. Henry, and three daughters.

William was united in marriage in 1918 to Virginia Dudley, daughter of S. E. Dudley, formerly of Hermonville and of Utica. In the going he leaves the bereaved wife and three children, the eldest being four years and the youngest an infant in the mother's arms.

William was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. His last days were marked by a rapid decline of health, and much suffering. When apprized by his physicians and surgeons that a surgical operation was an urgent necessity, he sought the Lord for counsel and strength. He gave himself again, as it were, to his Saviour, and with beautiful resignation placed himself in the hands of the Lord and the skilled physicians. He committed his life anew into the hands of Him who had redeemed his life; then he calmly went to the operator's table as one who would lie down for rest and sleep. So it ended; for he lingered in an apparently hopeless condition for recovery but a few days, breathing his last in the hospital at ten o'clock Sunday morning of March 15th. His body rests in the family burial grounds, in Bolivar County, to await the resurrection morning.

His enduring legacy to his loved ones is the memory of an upright life and a triumphant victory over death. Among those who mourn his departure are his devoted mother, his faithful and loving wife, with the three small children, his splendid brother, who shared his blood for a dying brother, his three sisters and his noble uncle, W. J. Alexander, who was father to William for ten years and to his last breath.

To my friend and classmate, Ed Dudley, to whom the writer was twice pastor; to the widowed wife, known to the writer since her infancy; to the bereaved mother, the faithful brother, and the three sisters; to that fine man and uncle, W. J. Alexander,—to every one of you, let me remind you that there is no untimely death to God's children. "To die is gain"; and "precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints". Therefore, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord".

—S. M. Ellis.

Memphis, April 1, 1925.

SHERMAN, TEXAS

May I use your columns to extend greetings to my Mississippi friends? I have been in three splendid meetings this spring. One with the First Baptist Church of Texarkana, where Dr. M. T. Andrews, a former Mississippian, is the beloved pastor. The fellowship was delightful, the

MORIAM

J. Henry

Henry, of Pace, Bolivar County, Miss., departed this life at the Baptist Hospital of Memphis, Tenn., on Sunday, May 15th, 1925.

This notice was the work of V. E. Henry of Bolivar County, Miss., mother, Mrs. A. A. Henry; also a son, B. Henry; and three daughters.

He was buried in the cemetery at Bolivar, formerly of Hermitage, Tenn. In the going to the grave, he was accompanied by his bereaved wife and the eldest being four years of age, an infant son.

A consistent member of the Baptist Church. His last illness was a rapid decline due to suffering. When the physician and surgeon operation was performed, he sought the Lord and strength.

He gained, as it were, to his health with beautiful results. He was in the hands of the skilled physician who had re-

ceived him; then he calmly accepted his fate as one of the Lord's servants and died; for he lingered in a hopeless condition for a few days, breath-

ing the hospital at ten o'clock in the morning of March 10th, 1925. He rests in the family grave in Bolivar County, Tenn., on Sunday morning.

His legacy to his loved ones was an upright and noble life. He was a man of uprightness and a man of prayer. He was a man of prayer.

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spirit was good and we had seventy-six additions to the church. My next was in my own church with Dr. J. B. Leavell doing the preaching. We had a splendid meeting from every standpoint and one hundred additions. My last meeting was with the First Baptist Church at Temple. Rev. R. W. Leazer, the pastor, is big in body and heart. He had planned well for the meeting. We had additions at every service except one. Seventy-two came in while I was there. The meeting closed on Sunday after I left.

The work in my own church is going forward splendidly. Texas Baptists have been far better to me than I deserve. Opportunities for service have been offered in every department of our denominational life.

I am glad that Brother Kyzar is to do evangelistic work in Mississippi. I regard him as one of the noblest men in all our ministry. I am sure the Lord will add his blessings to his efforts.

Sincerely,

—T. L. Holcomb.

SENATOBIA

As deacons of the First Baptist Church of Senatobia, Miss., voicing the sentiments of the membership of this church, we desire to most heartily commend to you Dr. B. P. Robertson, who severs his relations with us as pastor to become your pastor on June 1st, 1925. Dr. Robertson came to us as pastor three years ago fresh from his Mediterranean voyage. The church, under his ministry and leadership, has made wonderful strides. He is a spirit-filled preacher and no church ever had a more aggressive, progressive and consecrated leader. He proclaims the TRUTH in the fear of God, and fights the devil on every inch of the ground. He is uncompromising with sin in every form. Moreover, he is a student and scholar of the first magnitude, and after he has served you a few years, and in the providence of God the Spirit should direct him to another field, you will then find yourselves in the quite embarrassing and unenviable position that we now occupy. You will find yourselves wondering where his successor can be found. It takes a real man to fill the place that he vacates. He is a sweet and tender pastor, a brilliant and accomplished preacher, an untiring worker, and consecrated servant of the Lord. We give him up reluctantly, but our prayers and best wishes shall follow him and his work all the days of his life.

With best wishes, we are,

Yours very cordially,

E. E. Moore,
Vernon West,
Chas. H. Moffat,
T. M. Gregory,
V. P. Wait,
Sam C. Stevens,
L. M. Blanchard,
P. W. Berry,
M. C. Ellis,

Deacons of the First Baptist Church of Senatobia, Miss.

Department of Evangelism

Conducted by

Rev. R. S. Gavin, D.D.,

Quitman, Miss.

The Bulletin Looks Good

It carries the names and addresses of more than 50 of our good pastors—both city and country. Besides these there are several full-time evangelists leaders of song, personal workers, pianists, and a section of miscellaneous workers. The exact dates when these evangelistic workers may be secured are indicated. Any church or pastor needing evangelistic help can secure what he needs on short notice by sending for a copy of the bulletin.

Remember, too, it's absolutely free for the asking. I have had an abundant supply printed—and I shall gladly send one or as many copies as desired to anybody requesting same.

The Bulletin to Be a Permanent Feature

As I have stated before in this Department, I expect to give all the rest of my active ministerial life to the work of evangelism—either directly or otherwise. And the bulletin feature is to be permanent. I confidently expect to enroll at least 200 preachers and various kinds of evangelistic workers next season. The idea has been so well received by our people that it is certain that every year shall find the new volume in print quite early in the season—and carrying the names of practically all the evangelistically inclined pastors and other personal workers in the state. And it's going to help the evangelistic work along wonderfully.

The Future of Evangelism

Nobody can tell just yet what turn matters will take with reference to evangelism for the future. But unless all indications are misleading, all over the country there is a conviction even now that practically the plan suggested in this Department in the early fall for Mississippi is what the whole country needs. I was so sure at that time that Mississippi Baptists should in their convention at Hattiesburg create a Department of Evangelism (I outlined the plan of operation in this Department) that I have been reading all our Baptist papers with that idea on my mind. It's remarkable how our people are coming to the conviction that evangelism is not only worthy the best place in our planning—but is imperatively necessary. And I predict that in less than five years every state within the bounds of our great convention will have a Department of Evangelism.

In that unparalleled evangelistic conference in Memphis last week, among other recommendations passed over to the convention was this:

We recommend that the state boards, as far as possible, organize departments of evangelism and em-

ploy the very best men and send them afield to win souls.

I Have a Few Available Dates for Meetings

I find I shall be able to accept one date in June; one for the first half of July; one for the last part of August. I can come alone or with a singer.

ABERDEEN

We have good news for the brotherhood, and great joy in our hearts unto the Lord. Our church and all our people, and in fact the whole city, have been greatly and wonderfully blessed. "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad".

The occasion of it is our revival meetings which ran from April 27 to May 10. The singing was led by Mr. Robert Cooper and Rev. D. W. Nix. Dr. J. W. Mayfield of the First Baptist Church, McComb, Miss., did the preaching. He reached us for Monday night services and at once threw his great heart and noble life into it after a glorious fashion. I think I have never heard the pure Gospel of the Son of God preached with such clearness, simplicity, charm and power as Mayfield presented it. Clear, clean cut and on a high level. Every word carefully chosen and as clean as a flake of snow falling from heaven. Not one slang expression or anything bordering on it, a fine example for other preachers!

The day services were held at the early hour of nine o'clock in the morning. The day crowds at this unusually early hour increased from the very first day until the close of the meeting. The crowds at night taxed our seating capacity to its last limit. A great argument for a new church.

The visible results were 42 additions to our church, over a 10% increase of our entire membership. The invisible results only the Angels in heaven can record. But they were great and lasting on the hearts and lives of God's people in this city.

At the closing services every man, woman, and child in the crowded building stood to their feet inviting and urging Brother Mayfield's return for our next meeting. With deep gratitude to God and man many thanks to his dear people and great church at McComb for lending him to us, we thank God for Brother Mayfield's coming. May he be preserved through many long years of loving service for the Master is our prayer.

It perhaps will interest our friends to know that we plan to begin wrecking the old church to make for the new one in early summer.

Heaven's blessings upon our Baptist Zion!

Faternally,

—J. M. Walker.

Aberdeen, Miss., May 11, 1925.

MATTERS AT THE BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Improvements being made are the outstanding feature of the hospital just now. The high grade of service

rendered, as a standard hospital, has been maintained through the years. Recently the entrance and hallways have been beautified, the cafeteria equipment improved, new furniture installed in many rooms and sun parlors; and plans are now being made to install on the second floor a central diet kitchen by which the service for patients will be improved. These are all secondary matters that make for beauty and comfort.

If the number of patients coming in continues as during the first third of the year the number of admissions for the year will be about 11,000.

A little girl was recently brought to the hospital with a small chain in her lungs, which had been there about a month. It was promptly removed by a surgeon who makes such work a specialty. It is a curious collection of objects removed from children's lungs which these surgeons have. It is of interest, and may sometimes be of vital importance for the people to know that there are specialists in Memphis who do this work. We see accounts of children being taken east for such service when it can be done near home.

We are to have the graduating exercises of the Training School on May 21st. There will be a class of 58, by far the largest to date. This will leave room for high school and college graduates of this year, who wish to take up nursing, to enroll in our school. It will be wise to apply early.

At this writing arrangements are being made by the Baptist Memorial Hospital to maintain a hospital at the auditorium during the Southern Baptist Convention. Such service is always rendered, free of charge, by our hospital for all great gatherings in our city, such as Confederate reunions and the annual fairs.

—M. D. Jeffries.

FROM TAMPA, FLORIDA

We have just closed the annual protracted meeting with our Cuban church in Tampa, Florida, with happy results. Missionary J. L. Hart did the preaching. He spoke at 11 a. m. each day before our school of nearly one hundred students and at night to the regular congregation of the church. Brother Hart has been a missionary in South America for twenty-two years and is now at home for a little vacation, but is not getting much rest. He greatly delighted our people with his good Spanish and most excellent sermons. He and his good wife will return to their work in Chile next October. We shall follow them with our love and prayers.

By our house-to-house visiting and the distribution of literature many new people were brought into the congregation, several were baptized and the church has received an uplift as a result of the meetings. Our work is prosperous and we are happy in it. We go forward to greater conquests.

—J. G. Chastain.

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the Popularity Medal she again became hopeful, for the girls were so cordial and friendly. On commencement day she sat in the audience with apparent indifference when the names of those awarded prizes were called. At last she became interested.

"The Popularity Medal," announced the college president, "has been voted to Miss Sara Bolton."

There was a momentary silence, and then enthusiastic clapping of hands. One glance at Sara's astonished face, and Vivian joined heartily in the applause.

When she met Sara as they were leaving the campus that afternoon, she said cordially:

"I am glad you won that medal, Sara."

"Thank you, but I am sorry you were disappointed, Vivian. I don't see how it happened that it was given to me."

"You deserved it, Sara. You have won true friends by being just what you are at all times, and you made no pretense to win them. After all, rich or poor, we like what is genuine best. From this on I am going to be my own true self under all circumstances."

"That will be worth more to you than a car load of medals, Vivian," assured Sara with her friendliest smile.

LOVIE GOLD'S TOOTH

Jennie N. Standifer

It was Monday morning, Lucinda Jane, our colored manipulator of the wash-board, was an hour late when she came for the laundry. She took a seat on the back porch as I listed the clothes and talked in her good old ante-bellum style:

"I'se 'n'd time today, honey chile, but I been wrastlin' in spirit wid dat Lovie Gold, my husband's fust wife, cousin's gal. We tuck her to raise when she warn't knee high to a duck, and I promised my ole man when he died I'd do de bes' I could fur her. We ben gittin' on middlin' 'r tel all de gals and widders round here sot out tryin' to ketch Ben Lucas. His wife died a mont 'fore Christmas, and she lef' more nice bed kivver, and dishes and furniture dat would make er oman's mouth water. Dar's two red plush rockers dat de president of de United States and his wife would be proud to set in. He gotta a house too, don paid for, and he's gotta good job er drivin' a truck for a wholesale grocery sto'."

"Lovie Gold ain't nothin' but a sprout of a gal, but she up and sot in to chasin' Ben lack a houn' dawg atter a rabbit, and when dat gal's head is set on anything she's plum mulish. She been a naggin' de life mighty high outen me fur red sweaters and yaller hats, and green dresses, and silk stockings, to try to ketch Ben. And she uses African Hair Straightener by de gallon. Ben ain't never tuck her ridn' on dat truck yit lack he has some other gals, and she lows a gold tooth is wot she need to fetch him her way. Say—Ole Miss—can't you lemme have two or three month's

wedges for my washin' in advance to git Lovie Gold dat tooth?"

"She doesn't need a gold tooth, Lucinda Jane, and you are in need of comfortable clothes," I answered.

"I kin do widout close, darlin', but how Lovie Gold gwine to have any showin' wid dem tother gals agin her wid mouthfuls of gold tooths er shinin'?"

I knew of Lucinda Jane's struggles to support herself and adopted daughter, and sought to dissuade her from such a useless extravagance as a gold tooth, but she persisted.

"Lovie Gold gwine ter pout and sulk and den r'ar and charge tel dar ain't no livin' wid her ef she don't git dat gold toof. But she ain't got her growth yit—and spose she outgrows dat gold toof, Ole Miss? What could I do wid it—and it costin' a fortune, and rent so high?"

"Get a dentist to put a covering over one of her teeth that would look like gold," I suggested. "It would save the pain of having a sound tooth pulled and might be cheaper."

"Dat's so, honey. And den dat gold toof might go outer fashion. Darlin'—you's white but you's hones' and mighty good to cullud pussons. Sweetheart—you gwine ter lemme have de money fur dat toof and lemme wash it out?"

I agreed to the request, and a few days later Lucinda Jane appeared with a smiling face.

"Dat dentist man didn't charge nigh as much fur dat kivered toof, Ole Miss, and its as shiny as a sto-bought one. Lovie Gold jest giggles and grins to show it off tel I'se feered folk'll think she is plum 'stracted. And dat ar toof pears to have hope her appetite powerful. She wants me to be er cookin' all de time I ain't washin' and ironin'. She had me stay home from meetin' Sunday and cook up a tasty dinner fur Ben. She say de way to er man's heart is thru his stomick, so Ben gotta be fed."

"Lovie Gold ain't one bit of help to me sence she started in to chasin' Ben. She don't do nuffin but dress and staighten her ha'r and grin to show off dat toof. I'll be plum glad when she gits married, but it'll be a mighty hard row fur Ben to weed er, taking keer of sich er gal."

Week after week Lucinda report-woeing. Sometimes she was discouraged because Lovie Gold was too flighty and giddy. She was afraid her flapper antics would disgust the much sought after Ben. And it was expensive, feasting Ben on the fat of the land to show off Lovie Gold's glittering tooth.

One afternoon Lucinda Jane brought back the washing and as she took the clothes from her basket she discoursed upon her trials and tribulations.

"Lovie Gold ain't got one speck er gratitood, Ole Miss. After all I done fur her, gittin' dat gold toof and all dem close to doll up in, she's lowin' she's gotta have another gold toof. She say: 'Ef a man comes to supper twict er week when I ain't got but one gold toof, he sho gwine

to want to eat ever day in de week wid me if I gits two of 'em.' Ben goes whar he gits good eatin, honey, and not to look at gold tooths dese fool gals is sportin'. What I oughter do, Ole Miss?"

"Tell her she doesn't need another gold tooth to her head," I answered decidedly.

"I done tole her dat and she say she'll run off wid dat yaller pressin' shop nigger dat dey been runnin' de law on fur warin' white folk's close he was pressin'."

"Let her run, and let her husband get her a gold tooth. You have done your part by her."

"I sho has, darlin' and I'se a good mind to let her run, case buyin' anudder gold toof would w'ar me out."

Sometime Monday forenoon Lucinda Jane appeared at the back door, a vision of rainbow hues. A many-colored silk waist, green skirt, pink hat and showy blue cape made up her outfit.

"Jest thought I'd drap in, Ole Miss, and tell you I'd sided to lay down yo' washin'."

"Why?" I asked in amazement.

"Dar ain't no call fur me to be takin' in washin' now, chile."

"Has Lovie Gold married?"

"Yassum, she sho' is. I fused her anudder gold toof and she r'ared and pitched tel Ben drapped in and he say she didn't need no toof, but need er good beatin'. Hit made her so mad she flounced outer de house and goes down to dat pressin' shop nigger and dey up and marries right away."

"How did Ben take it?" I asked.

"Ben? Law honey, he jest laugh and say it tickled him mos' to def dat Lovie Gold was married."

"Has he found some one else to console him?"

"Cose he has, Ole Miss. When he

sot down to supper Sadday night he lowed:

"When kin you move over to my house, Sis Lucindy Jane?"

"Whut fur?" I axed, 'sprised lack.

"To keep house for me. I'll git de license and we'll marry to-night ef you is willin'."

"I ain't got no close," I says.

"Come long up town and we kin git yo' close 'fore de stose close."

"And dat ole black rascal bought me all dese fine close, sweetheart, and de preacher married us, and I sot in one dem pluch kivered rockers all day yistiddy, 'ceptin' when I was at preachin' and er cookin' dinner. I feel lack I was goin' to hebbin on flowery beds of ease settin' in dem chers. Say, Ole Miss, kin I have some greens outen de garden and some inguns and pasly? Ben sho' lacks tasty cookin'. Thanks, honey. You is white, as I tells everybody, but you sho gotta black heart."

Morton

I have just closed a very delightful meeting with Pastor R. L. Wallace, at Morton, Miss. Brother Wallace has just completed a beautiful modern church plant, with splendid Sunday School equipment, and owes very little on it. He has the thorough confidence of his people, and is doing a great work. I have never labored with a more congenial, agreeable pastor, and the Lord graciously smiled upon our labors together. There were 17 additions to the church, 11 for baptism, and many more deeply interested. It was my pleasure to spend the time in the pastor's home and every moment of it was enjoyed thoroughly.

B. H. Lovelace,
Clinton, Miss.

How to get bigger Church attendance

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
CHURCH, SOUTH
Samuel O. Cantey,
Pastor
Mullins, S. C.
April 13, 1916.

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Yours very truly,
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